**JOHN 14:28**

**3/20/19**

**Intro – Tonight, If The Lord Allows, We Will Conclude Chapter 14.**

**Chapter 14 Has Been One, Where Jesus Spent Time, Not Only Teaching Great Things To The Disciples, But Also Ministering To Their Emotional Condition.**

**Chapter 14 Is One, Whereby, Jesus Goes To Great Lengths To Comfort Them – Ease Their Fears – And Calm Their Anxieties About The Events That Were About To Take Place.**

**We Will See That When We Move Into The Upcoming Chapters, Jesus Is Going To Do More High-Level Spiritual Teaching, Rather Than Comforting.**

**However, For Now, We Will Continue With Jesus’ Encouragement In The Face Of Great Trials.**

***Perhaps, We Will Find Encouragement For Our Trials, As Well!***

**1. V. 28a – In Verse 28, Jesus Begins With These Words…**

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**“**Ye Have Heard How I Said Unto You, I Go Away, And Come *Again* Unto You.”

**2. Of What Is Jesus Speaking?**

**3. It Seems Clear To Me That Jesus Is, Of Course, Speaking Of His Death And Resurrection. As We Will See Later In This Verse, It Also Appears That His Is Alluding To His *Ascension*, And His *Second Coming*. (*Refer Back To 14:2-3*)**

**4. V. 28b – Before We Go Deeper Into This First Statement Of Christ, Someone Tell Us What Jesus Says Next.**

**5. These Disciples, Who Care A Great Deal For Jesus, Realize That Their Beloved Leader Was About To Be Snatched Away From Them.**

**Not Only That – They Know Jesus Is Going To Be Brutally Tortured And Killed.**

**Yet, Jesus Says Something That Is Completely *Contradictory To Our Way Of Thinking* – It Is *Oxymoronic* – It Is *Contrary To Human Logic.* He Says…**

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“If You *Truly* Loved Me, My Death And Suffering Would Not Cause You Great Grief, But Great Joy And Happiness!”

**6. How Many Of You Have Gone Through Great Pain And Trials, And At The Time “Shouted For Joy” Because You Were Suffering?**

**7. For A Moment, Let’s Circle Back To The Beginning Of Verse 28, And Examine, Just What It Is, That Is Involved In What Jesus Is Saying.**

**We Will Ask Two Questions For Each Work Of Christ: *Does This Work Of Christ Give Us A Reason To Rejoice, And If So, Why?***

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Jesus’ Death

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Romans 3:25

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| Kjv  Whom God Hath Set Forth *To Be* A Propitiation Through Faith In His Blood, To Declare His Righteousness For The Remission Of Sins That Are Past, Through The Forbearance Of God; | Nlt  For God Presented Jesus As The Sacrifice For Sin. People Are Made Right With God When They Believe That Jesus Sacrificed His Life, Shedding His Blood. This Sacrifice Shows That God Was Being Fair When He Held Back And Did Not Punish Those Who Sinned In Times Past, |

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Jesus’ Resurrection

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Romans 4:25

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| Kjv  Who Was Delivered For Our Offences, And Was Raised Again For Our Justification. | Nlt  He Was Handed Over To Die Because Of Our Sins, And He Was Raised To Life To Make Us Right With God. |

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Jesus’ Ascension

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Romans 8:34

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| Kjv  Who *Is* He That Condemneth? *It Is* Christ That Died, Yea Rather, That Is Risen Again, Who Is Even At The Right Hand Of God, Who Also Maketh Intercession For Us. | Nlt  Who Then Will Condemn Us? No One--For Christ Jesus Died For Us And Was Raised To Life For Us, And He Is Sitting In The Place Of Honor At God's Right Hand, Pleading For Us. |

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Jesus’ Second Coming

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John 14:3

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| Kjv  And If I Go And Prepare A Place For You, I Will Come Again, And Receive You Unto Myself; That Where I Am, *There* Ye May Be Also. | Nlt  When Everything Is Ready, I Will Come And Get You, So That You Will Always Be With Me Where I Am. |

**8. What We Have Discovered Through Jesus’ Words And This Exercise, Is That The Great Trial Of The Tragedy Of What Was About To Happen In The Lives Of The Disciples, Would Be The Very Thing To Bring Them Immeasurable Blessings!**

**9. Jesus Gives Them A Way Of Looking At Their Trial, Which Is Completely Contrary To Their Current Perspective.**

**Do You See Any Lessons For Us, In The Example Of Jesus’ Instructions To His Disciples?**

**Why Is It Often Challenging For Us To Look At Tragedy/Suffering, And “Rejoice?”**

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2 Corinthians 4:17

**10. V. 28c - The End Of Verse 28 Presents A Saying Of Christ, Which Produces Some Debate Among Bible Students. How Does Jesus Conclude Verse 28?**

**11. Who Can Bridge The Seeming Contradiction Between Christ’ Many Claims To Be Equal With God, With This Statement?**

**12. Jesus Would Return To His State Prior To The Incarnation – Prior To Putting On Human Flesh. The Exalted Glory That He Laid Aside, To Become Like Us, Will Be Fully Restored, When He Returns To The Father.**

**13. (Slide 13)**

Jesus Is Stating That The Father’s Heavenly Estate, Is Greater Than The Son Of Man’s Earthly Estate.

**14. Do We Really Believe That Heaven Is Better Than Earth?**