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I Have Overcome

John 16:29-33



Background:

This Sunday we return to the Gospel of John where we find ourselves at the end of the main section of the upper room discourse. Those first disciples will have their worlds turned upside-down in only a few hours, so Jesus wants to encourage them. He tells them that even though they will face hardship, they can be assured that he has – and will – overcome the world. For us today in the midst of hardship, Jesus has overcome, is on the throne of the universe and is coming back one day. So we can have courage to live the Jesus way now, because the future is not up for grabs. Jesus has overcome!

Sermon Text (ESV):

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29 His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech!
30 Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” 31 Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? 32 Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered,

each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. 33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Discussion Questions:

- Preparation
 - What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
 - What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- Sermon Questions
 - As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you most?
 - How are you dealing with pressure (tribulation) in your life today? What does it mean to you that Jesus has overcome the world?
 - In the past, or in your current circumstances, how have you seen challenges and trials prove and/or improve your faith?
 - Jesus has already overcome the world, which means we should bear witness to that overcoming. Jesus wants us to do this like a sacrificial lamb (not a ferocious lion). What does that look like in your life in your current relationships?
 - Especially during this week of Thanksgiving, take time to express gratitude to the Lord for all he has done for you! What are you most thankful for?