

# Sermon NOTES



## Jesus Will Come For You

1. They tell people not to talk about religion or politics if they are trying to keep the peace.
  - a) Unfortunately, people have adopted their political party like a sports team.
    - i) They want to win regardless of the character of their candidates.
    - ii) They will excuse anything said or anything done for the sake of their party.
    - iii) They are like eating your prospective mother-in-law's boiled okra cabbage soup-they smile and swallow it without saying how bad it tastes.
    - iv) And everyone here thinks I am speaking of the other party which ever one that is.
  - b) And when it comes to religion, we can't seem to speak of the church we go to without mentioning the differences.
    - i) We practice the Lord's Supper rather than Communion.
    - ii) We are better because . . . .
  - c) Inside the church we are a bit different.
    - i) We don't talk about people's weight.
    - ii) We don't talk about death.
  - d) Many of you might rather want me to talk about death.
    - i) Did Jesus talk about death?
    - ii) Should we be prepared for it?
    - iii) What did Jesus come to give us?
  - e) John 10:10 (NASB 2020) <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came so that they would have life, and have *it* abundantly.
2. John 14:1–3 (NASB 2020) <sup>1</sup> “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> In My Father's house are many rooms; if *that* were not so, I would have told you, because I am going *there* to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and

prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, *there* you also will be.

3. People are troubled by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) They were troubled that Jesus would die.
    - i) Jesus often told His disciples what would happen.
    - ii) He was speaking of something they could not relate to.
    - iii) One time, Peter rebuked Jesus for talking about it. (God forbid it, Lord, this shall ever happen to You.)
    - iv) It is at this point that Jesus calls Peter Satan.
    - v) Even the scribes and Pharisees weren't called Satan.
  - b) We are troubled when anything precious to us will die.
    - i) Some of you have suffered the pain of the loss of a child.
    - ii) Some of you have suffered the pain of the loss of a spouse.
    - iii) It may have been another relative or a dear friend.
    - iv) Yet, it can be even extremely difficult when we have lost a pet.
  - c) Jesus doesn't want us to be troubled over \_\_\_\_\_.
    - i) Do not let your heart be troubled.
    - ii) It is passive for the heart will be troubled if you don't respond in a way that will take the trouble away.
  - d) Losing someone who is a Christian is a grief with \_\_\_\_\_.
    - i) 1 Thessalonians 4:13 (NASB 2020) <sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers *and* sisters, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as indeed the rest of *man-kind* do, who have no hope.
    - ii) Yes, we grieve. You will not see that person for some time.
    - iii) Revelation 21:4 (NASB 2020) <sup>4</sup> and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."
    - iv) It is okay to have tears here because we won't need them in heaven.
  - e) Hope is \_\_\_\_\_ to a Christian's death on earth.
    - i) People sometimes say that they hope they win the lottery with absolutely no evidence that they will.
    - ii) Our hope is built upon the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have evidence.

- iii) The disciples who ran and hid stood up and died for Who they had seen in the resurrection.
- f) How are we to be relieved from our trouble?
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ removes trouble over death.
  - a) Jesus told them to believe in Him and God.
    - i) Trouble is a word that means to stir or agitate.
    - ii) With stir it means to roil water.
    - iii) Jesus' leaving and death itself will agitate or make the water murky.
  - b) Calmness comes with clarity.
    - i) Faith in Jesus and God calms the trouble of death.
    - ii) This is a command intended to remove trouble.
    - iii) Belief is more than belief in existence or the belief of a position.
    - iv) I may believe in someone without being united to them.
    - v) I may believe in a certain football player to be able to throw the game winning touchdown but that is not the same type of belief.
    - vi) When I say do you believe in Jesus I am not asking whether you believe He existed, He is the Son of God or that He has the ability to do anything.
    - vii) I am asking if you have identified with Him so that the Holy Spirit dwells in you.
    - viii) The presence of God in the person of the Holy Spirit dwells in you and leads you.
  - c) The Holy Spirit is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - i) John 14:16 (NASB 2020) <sup>16</sup> "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, so that He may be with you forever;
    - ii) The word translated here as "helper" means "one who \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."
    - iii) God exists in three different persons. They are Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
    - iv) This is the way we designate them.
    - v) They are one. They are in complete unity.
    - vi) The entrance to God is through God the Son.
    - vii) Then, in comes God the Spirit.

viii) Our belief in Jesus and God enables us to know the comfort, encouragement and defense of the Holy Spirit because He lives in us.

ix) This carries us through our troubles.

d) Why?

i) It ensures our own destination.

ii) It ensures that we know the destination of those we love when they also know Jesus.

e) People are quick to say that life is a journey but seem to think it is like a raging river which carries us along where it wants to go.

i) They see randomness. Chaos.

ii) We know that our destination is drawing us closer to our God until we are completely with Him. Order over chaos.

iii) Thus, our destination is the same as others who know the Lord.

iv) We will see each one of them again.

v) That doesn't alleviate all grief. My daughter crying because we didn't know how much she loved grandmother.

vi) It gives us hope.

5. There is a place \_\_\_\_\_ for us after this life.

a) The word is "monae".

i) There are three words for a place to stay in the Greek.

ii) There is "pandoxiae" for an inn. The Samaritan would take the man beaten and robbed to one of these.

iii) There is "katalumati" for guest room. Jesus parents birthed Jesus in a stable because there was no room for them here.

iv) There is "monae" which gives a place to live. This is the word used here.

b) The fact that it is many alludes to the fact that it is a personal space.

i) If it were not so, He would tell us.

ii) We have all these pictures of floating around on clouds. Doesn't seem like much of a personal space.

iii) How personal is this place?

- iv) We were able to be the first in a new house in Texas.
- v) This is better.
- c) Jesus says that He has prepared that place for us.
  - i) I don't know what to pray but He does.
  - ii) I don't know what I need but He does.
  - iii) I don't know how this space should be, but He does.
- d) There are three things I like about the house I live in now.
  - i) I love the location.
  - ii) I love my neighbors.
  - iii) I love that it is paid for.
- e) There are three things you will love about your place in heaven.
  - i) You will love the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii) You will love the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii) You will love that it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6. Jesus will come for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) Jesus prepared it and He wants to show you what He has prepared.
    - i) My wife says I am terrible with gifts for her.
    - ii) I get so excited that I can't wait to give her a gift.
    - iii) She wants to wait for her birthday.
    - iv) I seldom do.
    - v) When you love someone, you want to give them the gift you prepared.
    - vi) I get so excited when I give pies to my neighbors.
    - vii) Last year, I got a new apple pie recipe.
    - viii) I gave it to all the neighbors but one since I could never get her to come to the door.
    - ix) I ate a piece of it.
    - x) It was the worst thing I have ever stuck in my mouth.
    - xi) I would rather drag my tongue on the pavement.
    - xii) I had to apologize to my neighbors.
    - xiii) I am going to try the next pie for myself.
    - xiv) Jesus did that too.

- b) Jesus will take you there \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) How would you like to hear this before you have surgery? "I've never done this surgery before but there has to be a first time for everything so let's head on down to the operating room."
  - ii) Do you like to hear, "Come with me, I've never been there but I think I can take you there?"
  - iii) Come with me, I'm taking you home with Me.
  - iv) Especially when He is your dearest friend.
- c) Jesus wants you to be \_\_\_\_\_ He is.
- i) Why do you think?
  - ii) Can anyone answer that question?
  - iii) Jesus wants me to be where He is because He loves me.  
(Say it)
- d) When I first came here, I was excited to be here but when Karen left, I was lost.
- i) I wanted her here.
  - ii) Jesus wants you where He is.
7. Have you thought of those people who know the Lord who have gone before you?
- a) I generally tell the families that they are alright.
- i) They have absolutely no trouble.
  - ii) How can I say that the dearly departed believers are alright?
- b) They are no longer troubled by \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) There is no question about their \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) They have gone beyond \_\_\_\_\_.
- e) They have walked to heaven with \_\_\_\_\_.
- f) They have seen their new \_\_\_\_\_.
- g) They are with \_\_\_\_\_.
- h) They only want one thing: they want you to \_\_\_\_\_ them.



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