Bible Story

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INTRODUCTION

- We've come to the study where Jesus was with his disciples at what we call the Last Supper.
- In chapters 14, 15, and 16, he begins to say to them some parting words, giving them comfort and exhortation.

1 They Will Think They Do God Service

John 16:1–4; John 15:18–21; John 13:19

- The time cometh that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God's service.
- Those who crucified Jesus were religious people.
- If you're going to speak against another, be certain that you can speak from the word of truth.
- In advance, Jesus had told of his betrayal, of his death, and now of their own persecution.

2 Sorrow Hath Filled Your Heart

John 16:5–6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–17

- But now I go my way to him that sent me. And none of you asketh me, whither goest thou.
- Their hearts are filled with grief because of their nearsightedness, because of their short-sightedness.
- When a loved one departs, if that loved one is in Christ Jesus, there should be rejoicing that they will come together with the Lord Jesus.

3 It Is Expedient for You That I Go Away

John 16:7; Ephesians 1:7; Acts 2:38

- It is expedient for you that I go away. For if I go not away, the comforter will not come unto you.
- Had Christ not gone away, had he not been crucified, there would have been no salvation.
- The Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost in Acts chapter 2, verses 1 through 5. And he empowered the apostles to preach salvation.
- Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

4 He Will Reprove the World of Sin

John 16:8–9; Romans 10:17; John 3:18

- The emphasis that Jesus placed to the function of the Holy Spirit was to reveal the truth, to guide them into all truth, to bear witness of Jesus Christ.
- When he is come, he will reprove the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment. Of sin because they believe not on me.
- The work of the Holy Spirit is that of revealing the truth and of confirming the truth.

- So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

5 Convince the World of Righteousness

John 16:10; Romans 1:16–17; Romans 6:16–18

- He would convince the world of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more.
- God's righteousness revealed is that men can be saved not by their own works, not by their own righteousness, but rather by faith.
- Grace on God's part involved the crucifixion of our Lord, the gift of his Son. Faith on our part, though, is obeying that Son.
- We become the servants of righteousness when we obey the Lord from the heart.

6 Convince the World of Judgment

John 16:11; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:11–15

- The Holy Spirit would convince the world of judgment, because the Prince of this world is judged.
- We must all be made manifest before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the things done in the body according to that which we've done.
- The Prince of this world is already judged. That is the devil. Satan's destiny is already sealed.
- Even those who are not found written in the book of life are going to suffer the same punishment as the devil.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are you ready for the final judgment? Let the Holy Spirit come into your life. Be convinced of your sin and the need to obey God's righteousness and be prepared for the great judgment day.**

MY NOTES