

Sermon Notes

The Prescription for Dealing with COVID-19 Stress

John 16:33

There is no shortage of advice on how to deal with _____ during the COVID-19.

I have a perfect prescription for each of us. It comes from _____

I. **Jesus's words are intended to give us _____ in Him.**

He spoke to them about Him being _____

He spoke to them about being servants, about loving one another in His absence – He tells them He is going away, back to the _____

He speaks to them about Peter's defection, his _____. He tells them that He is going to prepare a place for them. He reminds them that He came from the Father. He encourages them in _____.

He tells them about the _____,

He tells them that He is the vine, they are the branches. He tells them of His love for them and exhorts them to love _____. He tells them they will be

hated as He is hated. But the _____t will be with them.

He tells them of coming persecution, His impending death, their impending _____, and once again gives them fresh promises in prayer and the help of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is honest with His disciples. He tells them the good, the bad, and the _____

But these words are for their _____ (15:11; 16:24)

These _____ are also sobering: betrayal, denial, persecution, desertion (16:32).

But these words are intended to give us _____ in Him

The hard words are not meant to unsettle us, but to _____ us.

II. **Jesus words prepare us for a life of _____**

This world, which is under the sway of the evil one, this world which hates its Creator, this world, which is dark, which is powerful, which is _____, this world which is marked by tribulation.

"The storms of trial and persecution may sometimes beat fiercely upon us; but let them only drive us _____ to Christ." AW Pink

III. **Jesus commands us to be courageous and tells us _____**

But Be of good cheer (KJV); ESV, NIV – take heart; NASB, NET – take courage

The word means, "To be firm or resolute in the face of _____ or adverse circumstances, be enheartened, be courageous"

Jesus simply says, "I (emphatic) have overcome the _____"

The word is used only _____ in John's Gospel.



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Used of _____ in Rev. - Rev. 5:5; 17:14

Used of _____ – 1 John 2:14; 4:4; 5:5

Rev. 2:7; 2:11; 2:17; 2:26; 3:5; 3:12; **3:21; 12:11; 15:2; 21:7**

We can have peace in Him. His words brings us _____, they bring us joy

We can also face opposition and trouble with courage and heart, because our Savior has already _____ – He has already won – in death He defeated death and the devil. In resurrection, He conquered death and secured _____.

In ascension and session, He empowers us to _____ by faith, by courageous faith, strong faith, hearty faith. He prays that our faith does not fail, but that it overcomes!

