

In His Steps: Walking How Jesus Walked
How Did Jesus Address Trouble and Sorrow?

John 16:16-33

During His "Upper Room Discourse" Jesus taught His disciples that times of trouble and sorrow are times for trust. When life makes no sense and the future is uncertain and you are troubled or sorrowful, trust in Jesus Christ!

- I. The _____ of _____ (16-20)
- II. The _____ of _____ (20-24)
- III. The _____ about _____ (25-27a)
- IV. The _____ of _____ (27b-32)
- V. The _____ of _____ (33a-b)
- VI. The _____ of _____ (33b)

The light is shining brightly now, more brightly, perhaps, than ever before. Within a few hours it will be obscured once more. Yet, the confession which is here made will linger on in the realm of the subconscious, until by and by, when the Lord arises in triumph from the tomb and (a little later) pours out his Spirit, it will bear the fruit of calm and steadfast assurance, and this fruit will abide forever.

- William Hendriksen

Jesus' point is that by his death he has made the world's opposition pointless and beggarly. The decisive battle has been waged and won. The world continues its wretched attacks, but those who are in Christ share the victory he has won. They cannot be harmed by the world's evil, and they know who triumphs in the end. For this they take heart, and begin to share his peace.

- D. A. Carson