The Resurrection and Its Effects Foretold John 16: 16–33

1. The resurrection perplexes people

- a. The death and resurrection of Jesus predicted
- b. The resurrection was puzzling
 - 1) The disciples' perplexity

- Jesus knew the disciples' perplexity and wished to help them understand
- 2. The resurrection brings joy irrepressible joy
 - a. Grief gripped the apostles after Jesus' death
 - b. Grief turned to joy after Jesus' resurrection
 - c. An illustration
 conveyed the point well:
 A woman in labour
 experiences pain first
 followed by great joy
 - d. Irrepressible joy followed sorrow
 - 1) Because of the resurrection
 - 2) Because no man could take the joy away

- 16 "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."
- 17 Some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?"
- 18 They kept asking,
 "What does he mean by 'a little while'?
 We don't understand what he is saying."
- 19 Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'?
- 20 I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.
- 21 A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world.
- 22 So with you:

 Now is your time of grief,
 but I will see you again
 and you will rejoice,
 and no one will take away your joy.

3. The resurrection gives open access into God's presence

- a. The glorious promise
- b. The institution of prayer "in Jesus' name"

4. The resurrection reveals all about the Father

- a. The resurrection shows and declares the Father clearly
- b. The resurrection shows that the approach to God is "in Jesus' name"
- c. The resurrection shows that the Father Himself loves the believer
- 5. The resurrection validates the Messiahship of Jesus
- 6. The resurrection exposes weak faith
 - a. The disciples declared their faith
 - b. Jesus questioned their weak profession

- 23 In that day
 you will no longer ask me anything.
 I tell you the truth,
 my Father will give you
 whatever you ask in my name.
- 24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.
- 25 Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father.
- 26 In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf.
- 27 No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.
- 28 I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."
- 29 Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech.
- 30 Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions.

 This makes us believe that you came from God."
- 31 "You believe at last!" Jesus answered.

c. The cross would test and expose their weak profession 32 "But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home.

You will leave me all alone.

Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

7. The resurrection makes true peace available

- a. The world's peace: Trouble
- b. The peace of Christ: Triumphant
- 33 I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart!

 I have overcome the world."