

Jesus Overcame the World  
(John 16:33)

Introduction:

1. In John 16:33 Jesus mentioned the things He had spoken to the apostles [His words recorded in ch.14-16].
2. Jesus revealed His purpose for saying these things [that the apostles might have peace in Him].
3. Even though the apostles would face tribulation in the world, they could "*be of good cheer.*"
4. The apostles could be of good cheer because Jesus had "overcome" [to conquer, to prevail, to gain the victory] the world.
  - a. By overcoming the world, Jesus had conquered the world, He had prevailed against the world, and He had gained the victory over the world.
  - b. The fact that Jesus overcame the world was a source of encouragement to the apostles -- it is also a source of encouragement to us.
5. Let us examine . . .

Discussion:

- I. SOME WAYS IN WHICH JESUS OVERCAME THE WORLD
  - A. Jesus overcame Satan's temptations after He was baptized (Mark 1:9-13).
  - B. Jesus overcame difficult experiences, including:
    1. the loss of:
      - a. a family member: John (Matthew 14:10-13)
      - b. a close friend: Lazarus (John 11:35-36)
    2. rejection by His disciples (John 6:66), His family (John 7:5), and His countrymen (John 8:59)
    3. betrayal (John 18:3-5)
    4. unjust treatment (John 19:1-3)
    5. being forsaken by His close friends (Matthew 26:56).
  - C. Jesus overcame resentment and retaliation (1 Peter 2:21-23).
  - D. The Bible shows how we can benefit from the example set by Jesus as He overcame the world (Hebrews 4:15-16; 12:1-3).
  - E. In addition to overcoming the world Himself, . . .
- II. JESUS WANTS HIS FOLLOWERS TO OVERCOME THE WORLD
  - A. According to 1 John 5:4-5, requirements for overcoming the world include:
    1. faith
    2. believing that Jesus is God's Son
    3. being born of God.
  - B. We learn from Romans 12:17-21 that the Lord's followers are to overcome evil with good.
  - C. In His messages to the 7 churches of Asia Jesus revealed the blessings in store for those who overcome.
    1. Revelation 2:7 (Ephesus)
    2. Revelation 2:11 (Smyrna)
    3. Revelation 2:17 (Pergamos)
    4. Revelation 2:26 (Thyatira)
    5. Revelation 3:5 (Sardis)
    6. Revelation 3:12 (Philadelphia)
    7. Revelation 3:21 (Laodicea)
  - D. Additional blessings are revealed in Revelation 21:7.

Conclusion:

1. In John 16:33 Jesus said that He had overcome the world.
2. Can you make the same statement?