

Reasons to Rejoice!

John 14:28-31

Introduction

1 Peter 4:12-13

Despite the storm that is coming in the morning, Jesus gives His disciples *5 Reasons to Rejoice*.

I. A Reason to Rejoice

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"I am going away, and I will come to you"

"If you loved me, you would have rejoiced"

John 17:11-13

Romans 10:6-9; (Deut. 30:14)

"I am going to the Father"

II. A Reason to Receive

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John 13:18-19

God not only predicts the future, He ordains it.

Isaiah 41:21-24

Isaiah 44:6-8

Isaiah 46:8-11

"that...you may believe"

III. A Reason to Reflect

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“no longer talk much”

“for the ruler of this world is coming”

“He has no claim on me”

1 John 3:5

Hebrews 7:26

1 Peter 2:21-22

IV. A Reason to Replicate

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“I do as the Father has commanded me.... I love the Father”

Hebrews 1:3

As God’s children, we are called to replicate, or imitate Jesus.

Ephesians 5:1-2

“imitators/followers” Gk mimetes;

1 John 2:3-6

“so that the world may know”

The world is spiritually blind. So, it is imperative that they *see* Jesus in us.

V. A Reason to Rest

“Rise, let us go from here”