Don’t Let Anyone Steal Your Joy
John 16:17-24

Introduction

Looking at the “Last Teachings of Jesus” before the cross

John Chapter 14 – Let not your heart be troubled . . . I am . . .
Verses 16-18, 26 – another Comforter (Spirit of truth) . . . I will come
Verse 27 – Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John Chapter 15 – Hold on to Jesus & Because of Jesus
Verse 1 – I am the True Vine . . . verse 7 – If ye abide in Me . . .
Verses 12-13 – Love one another . . . as I have loved you . . .
Verses 18-20 – The world will hate you . . . they hate Jesus!!

Last Sunday – Chapter 16:1-16 – These things have I spoken . . .
I must go away . . . but the Comforter . . . the Holy Ghost . . . will come to you
verse 16 – A little while . . . because I go to my Father

Today, we begin at verse 17 . . . Disciples asking each other . . .
instead of Jesus . . . just like us! (Oh what peace we often forfeit . . .)
You can’t get spiritual information from carnal people

Body

I. You might have to cry sometimes – v. 20a
   a. Coming to Christ will not solve all Earthly problems
   b. . . . but it will solve you eternal one!!!
      i. Not to buy a car . . . but put us on the right road
      ii. Not to buy a house . . . but “In my father’s house . . .”
      iii. Not to fix your family . . . but make you part of God’s
      iv. Not a better life . . . but eternal life
   c. Jesus did not promise us a life without sorrow
      i. Just the opposite . . . not only sorrow . . .
         1. You will weep and lament
         2. Worst part . . . the world will rejoice
            a. That’s how you can tell worldly folks
            b. Romans 12:1-2, 10, 15 – Reasonable service
      ii. Our sorrow is different from the world’s sorrow
         1. 2 Corinthians 7:10 – sorrow of the world vs. Godly sorrow
         2. 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – others have no hope
         3. . . . but we have a friend named Jesus

Jesus is all the world to me; My life, my joy, my all;
He is my strength from day to day; Without Him I would fall.
When I am sad, to Him I go; No other one can cheer me so; When I am sad, He makes me glad; He’s my Friend.

iii. Psalm 30:5 – Weeping may endure for a night, but joy . . .

II. . . . but your sorrow will be turned into joy – v. 20b-21

   a. Not go away and be replaced by joy . . . but turned into
      i. What is the difference? (I’m glad you asked)
      ii. The very thing that caused your sorrow will bring joy
      iii. Woman in labor because the baby is coming
      iv. But when the baby gets here . . . it’s all joy!!
   b. Source of sufferings . . . His trials, beatings, death, burial
      i. His trials . . . but it allowed Him to take our place
      ii. His beatings . . . but by His stripes we are healed
      iii. His death . . . but He took the sting out of death
      iv. His burial . . . but He conquered hell and the grave
      v. His going away . . . but we will see Him again
      vi. Somebody still didn’t get it
         1. The cross . . . At the cross where I first saw the light . . .
         2. His shed blood . . . The blood gives me strength . . .
         3. The grave . . . An empty tomb is there to prove . . .
         4. His going away . . . He sits on the right hand of God . . .
   c. You shall weep and lament . . . but your sorrow will be turned into joy!
   d. He says, “I will see you again!” (He sees me!) – v. 22b

III. No man can take your joy away from you – vv. 22-23

   a. Now you have sorrow: but I will see you again
      i. Complete confidence
      ii. Not I might . . . or I could . . . but I will see you again
   b. There is good news in knowing that He sees me – Genesis 16:13
      i. His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me
      ii. Our hearts will rejoice . . . real joy! (not happiness)
   c. . . . and no man can take it from you! (So don’t give it away!)
   d. We have access to the Father
   e. In the name of Jesus . . . no other name – Acts 4:10-12

Conclusion

   v. 24 – . . . that your joy may be full!

   ****Tell the story!!****

Isaiah 65:17-25 – For behold . . . rejoice in Jerusalem . . . in my people
   weeping . . . no more heard . . . nor . . . crying