

Expect Peace to Bring Problems
John 16:28-33

Correction of impulsive confidence, 29-31

- Disciples' mood swing—from questioning to confidence.
- Impulsive statement of faith arises from vss. 23-28 statements by Jesus (28 = quick summary of Jesus' life). They are wowed by Jesus' statements but are still pretty much in the dark (1:49-51).
- "Believe"--Again, the disciples already "believed" (2:11, 6:69) but the depth of their belief is the issue, as in 11:15, 14:1,11). Their imminent defection will show their belief is still just developing.
- Jesus' evaluation of their belief expresses a gently ironic rebuke that no doubt dampens their enthusiasm a bit, as in 6:68-70.

Prediction of scattering, peace and problems, 32-33

- Disciples' mood swing—from confidence to concern to comfort.
- #1 prediction = confidence-killer. They may all really think they believe now but they will scatter, recall 13:38, Mtt. 26:30,31. This prediction is based on Zech. 13:7 (predicting salvation for Jewish remnant on the heels of scattering).
- #2 prediction = confidence builder. In spite of the temporary defection of the disciples and coming tribulation, Jesus offers encouragement—restoration / peace (recall 14:27) based on His upcoming victory over the world. Note "peace" in 20:19, 21,26. and see in Rom. 5:1, Eph. 2:14, 4:2,3, Col. 3:15, Phil. 4:6-9.

