

# SERMON OUTLINE John 14:25-31

The Ruler of this World Is Coming, But He Has No Claim on Me

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## **INTRODUCTION**

***I AM LEAVING, THE SPIRIT IS COMING, AND MY PEACE IS COMING WITH HIM (25-27)***

## **HELP FOR STRONG FAITH (28-31)**

*Knowledge of Jesus' Future Strengthens Faith (28)*

*Knowledge from Jesus' Predictions Strengthens Faith (29)*

*Knowledge of Jesus' Victory Strengthens Faith (30)*

*Knowledge of Jesus' Obedience and Love Strengthens Faith (31)*

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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The big idea of this passage is that Jesus would not only die in the place of His followers in order to bring them eternal life, but also leave them with everything they need to thrive in His physical absence and share in His victory. The main takeaways are to trust in Jesus, reject the devil, and walk in righteousness.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Does it matter what kind of preaching a church has? What difference does it make?
3. Why does it matter that each book of the Bible, as well as the whole of the Bible, are inspired by God?
4. Why does it matter that each book of the Bible was written by a human author, to a specific audience, for a particular purpose?
5. How often do you recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in your life? What does it look like?
6. Had you heard of John Patton before this sermon? What do you think of his perspective on being a missionary to cannibals?
7. Which of the four faith-strengthening truths taught by Jesus have you found to be most strengthening to your faith.
8. Have you ever been to the funeral of someone who was strong in their faith in Jesus? Did that help you in your grief?
9. Which of Jesus' promises to His followers is easiest for you to believe and live in light of?
10. How often do you think about the devil's intentions toward you? How often do you find reassurance from Jesus' victory?
11. Are there any ways in which your belief in your eternal life truly impacted your life last week?
12. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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13. What is one thing you have done or intend to do differently as a result of this text/sermon?
14. Read the introduction to a book of the Bible in your study Bible. Share something that stood out at your DG.
15. Make a list of the ways you experience the work of the Holy Spirit in your life this week. Share that list with someone.
16. Read [John Piper's biography of John Patton](#) from the Desiring God website.
17. Find or make a list of Jesus' promises for Christians. Pick one and ask the Holy Spirit to help you believe. Live as if you do.
18. Write out your funeral service in such a way as to point people to your hope in your resurrection.
19. Share the gospel with an unbeliever and/or commit to taking another Christian through a discipleship track.
20. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
21. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

## PRAYER POINTS

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22. Adoration. Praise God for being triune. Praise God for being an ever-present helper. Praise God for being perfect peace. Praise God for being love. Praise God for being infinitely glorious, omniscient, and victorious.
23. Confess. Confess your unbelief. Confess ways you've been indifferent to obedience or sought to obey in your own strength. Confess sinful anxiety and the pursuit of worldly peace. Confess a lack of love for God and others.
24. Thanksgiving. Thank God for sending the Spirit, teaching truth, giving peace, for providing a way for us to be with Him forever, for revealing Himself and His will to us, and for defeating sin, death, and the devil for all who will believe.
25. Supplication. Ask God to help you trust in the Spirit. Ask God to grant His peace to us. Ask God to help us trust in Him and His promises. Ask God to fill us with love for Him. Ask God to help us walk in belief in His certain victory.