

WHAT JESUS' DEATH MEANT TO *HIM*
(John 14:28-31)

- I. His MINISTRY Would Be Vindicated (John 14:28*b*)
 - A. If they LOVED Him, they would REJOICE
 - B. He is overjoyed to be RETURNING to His FATHER
 - 1. As a man, Jesus endured human WEAKNESS
 - 2. As a man, Jesus had LIMITED His DIVINE prerogatives
 - 3. As a man, Jesus' FELLOWSHIP with the Father was less DIRECT
 - C. That the Father would WELCOME Him HOME was His vindication
 - D. While on EARTH, He accepted a subordinate place under the DIRECTION of the Father

- II. His MESSAGE Would Be Verified (John 14:29-30*a*)
 - A. The disciples had emphatically stated their FAITH in Christ (Matt. 16:15-16; John 6:66-69)
 - B. Jesus wanted to reinforce their eroding CONFIDENCE
 - 1. Only God could PREDICT the future RELIABLY/ACCURATELY (Isa. 42:9; 46:9-10; cf. 41:22-24)
 - 2. Once He rose from the dead, they would NEVER DOUBT again (cf. John 2:19-22)
 - C. Their course of INSTRUCTION was nearly COMPLETE

III. His MISSION Would Be Victorious (John 14:30b)

A. SATAN was coming to try to DEFEAT Jesus

1. May have referred to those coming to BETRAY and ARREST Him
2. Probably refers to Satan's attempt to KILL HIM in Gethsemane (Matt. 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:41-46)

B. Satan would not SUCCEED

IV. His MOTIVATION Would Be Validated (John 14:31)

A. He would prove that He LOVES the Father

B. He would prove that He OBEYS the Father