

Scripture: Exodus 20 and John 12:20-50

Singing: 255:1-3 – 435:9 – 243:1, 10, 11, 15 – 202:1-3 --

Jesus message of certainty: My death defeated Satan's ruling power

I. Jesus' words is to remind you that His main mission was to defeat Satan

A. This is beginning the good news

1. without His mission we would be forever out of commission: John 8:23, 44
2. when we took Satan's bait, we became Satan's mate: Gen. 3:9-13
3. God's first glorifying light is when He declared to fight: Gen. 3:15

B. Yet Satan would not go without a fight

1. The OT is the history of *Satan's fight to prevent Jesus from being born*
2. The NT Gospels is the history of *Satan's fight to trip up Jesus*

C. Then Jesus announced: *The hour is come* (vs. 23)

1. Jesus' own soul trouble about his hour is fierce: v 27; *Luke 23:53*

D. Reflect: Do you recognize Jesus' battle against Satan and sin in yourself?

II. Jesus' words are to assure you that He has defeated Satan's rule forever

A. This is more of the good news in vs. 31

1. Reflect on Satan's power-grip
 - a. As prince of darkness he controlled all kingdoms' world (Mat 4:8)
2. Yet Jesus says that *the hour is NOW that Satan is dethroned*: 31b
 - a. define 'judgment'
 - b. the cross is Jesus' Armageddon (Rev. 16:16)
 - c. when Jesus' 'hour' was finished, Satan's head(ship) was finished
3. You are invited to drink deeply from this cup of comfort: Is. 40:1

B. How did our Lord Jesus dethrone Satan as prince of the world?

1. He did this by *being obedient to His Father's will*
2. See the contrast between the *first Adam* and the *last Adam*
3. This last act of obedience earned Jesus the right to be King: Phil. 2:8-10

Reflect:

1. Let this truth comfort you who are His people (John 12:26)
2. Let this truth convict you who are not serving Him (John 12:25)
3. Let that draw you who still live still stand apart from Him (John 12:32; 35-36)

Dear children,

Today we will listen to Jesus words of hope. The world you grow up in is encouraging. Though war is far from our shore, a *spiritual* war is raging in NZ. Or even closer home, in your heart. Let's listen to what Jesus has to say about this.

Check question 8 before we begin! May God bless you!

1. When gave His first promise to fallen men, He promised to _____
2. Satan is _____ and he has always fought against _____
3. When Jesus said, 'The hour is come', He meant _____

4. Jesus is strong and courageous. Yet His soul was troubled. How should that encourage us to come to Him? _____

5. Both Adam and Jesus were tested if they would be obedient. What was Jesus' test? _____
6. All believers and followers of the Lord Jesus will have a life-long battle. Why is this true? _____
7. Hopefully you already know about the battle with sin. What is the best way to win the battle against sin and Satan? Check in with James 4:7-8.

8. Write down things during the sermon to pray about when you come home.

