

## **"UNPREPARED FOR DIVINE PREDICTIONS"**

### **JOHN 16:25-33**

#### **I. THE APOSTLES WOULD BE SCATTERED FROM CHRIST (16:32)**

##### **A. The Lord Made This Prediction Because Of Their Previous Confession (16:30)**

- 1. From One Standpoint It Is A Remarkable Statement Exemplifying A Unanimous Solidarity**
- 2. Yet The Lord Asks Almost Incredulously, "Now, Do You Believe?"**

##### **B. The Disciples Actually Thought That The Lord Was At Last Speaking In Plain Language (16:28-30)**

- 1. A Statement On Pre Existence: *I Came Forth From The Father***
- 2. A Statement On Incarnation: *And Am Come Into The World***
- 3. A Statement On His Death & Resurrection: *Again, I Leave The World***
- 4. A Statement On His Ascension: *And Go To The Father***
- 5. A Statement On His Omniscience: *Thou Knowest All Things***

##### **C. The Disciples' Confession Is All Based On A Faulty Understanding Of What Christ Actually Said**

- 1. As They Were Professing Knowledge They Were Betraying Ignorance**
- 2. They Changed The Lord's Verb Tenses**
- 3. The Sin Was Not So Much in The Outward Act Of Fleeing As It Was In Their Inward State Of Mind**

#### **II. THE APOSTLES WERE GUARANTEED TO EXPERIENCE PRESSURE IN THIS LIFE (16:33)**

##### **A. This Pressure Is That Which Is Peculiar To A Believer And Which Rises Out Of The World's Antagonism To Christ**

##### **B. The Lessons For Us Are Self Evident**

- 1. Are We As Careful In Our Exegesis Of The Warning Passages Of Scripture As We Are With The Promises We Hold So Precious**
- 2. Do We Make The Professions And Confessions That We Make With Humility?**
- 3. Despite Our Immaturity And The Misunderstanding That Lies Behind The Things That We Tell The Lord We Will Do, He Has Patience And Does Not Reproach Us**