① SADNESS FILLS THEIR HEARTS

v.4 And these things I did not say to you at the beginning

- What things?
- the dangers... ND

Matt 10:16-39

"Behold, I send you out as sheep amongst wolves" 10:16

"Brother will rise against brother to death, father against children, children putting parents to death You will be hated by all for My names sake. But he who endures (abides) to the end will be saved" 10:21-22

"they will call you Beelzebub (Satan)" v25

"Do not fear man who can only kill the body, but not the soul" 10:28

"Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword" 10:34

"He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of Me He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will keep it" 10:38-39

- So what does Jesus mean: He didn't say these things at the beginning?

Answer: That He will be leaving

v.4 Because I was with you

- Jesus was present to physically protect the disciples
- In the garden at Jesus' arrest:

"Jesus answered, I have told you I am He, therefore, if you seek Me, let these (apostles) go their way"
John 18:8

v.5 But now I go to Him who sent Me

- significant and unexpected change
- cause sadness to fill their hearts (v. 6)

★ But, it is to our Advantage (v.7)

- Jesus, with His strength & power, His wisdom, will Now Be in us!

v.5 and none of you asks Me, "Where are you going?"

- somewhat confusing statement
- Thomas said

"Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"
John 14:5

- Peter said to Jesus "Lord, where are you going?"
- however, Peter was asking from a selfish interest...
- NOT Jesus' interest
- Both Thomas and Peter's question were a result of fear & selfishness
- NOT Genuine concern for Jesus

★ This is what Jesus most likely meant

v.6 But because I have said these things, sadness has filled your heart

- Jesus' words that He is leaving has left them w/ overwhelming sorrow

★ However, what Jesus is try to say is that for them, this is the best news ever!

v.7 I tell you the truth ἀλήθειά it is to your advantage that I go away

- Again, He will now indwell all believers

★ Now, is the best time to live, even better than physically being w/ Jesus!