

John 16 Jesus' Warning

"These things I have spoken to you so that you will not be led into sin. 2 They will ban you from the synagogue, yet an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering a service to God. 3 These things they will do because they have not known the Father nor Me. 4 But these things I have spoken to you, so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you of them. However, I did not say these things to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

The Holy Spirit Promised

5 "But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' 6 But because I have said these things to you, grief has filled your heart. 7 But I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I am leaving; for if I do not leave, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8 And He, when He comes, will convict the world regarding sin, and righteousness, and judgment:

9 regarding sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and regarding righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you no longer are going to see Me; 11 and regarding judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

12 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them at the present time.

13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take from Mine and will disclose it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine; this is why I said that He takes from Mine and will disclose it to you.

Jesus' Death and Resurrection Foretold

16 "A little while, and you no longer are going to see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me." 17 So some of His disciples said to one another, "What is this that He is telling us, 'A little while, and you are not going to see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" 18 So they were saying, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is talking about." 19 Jesus knew that they wanted to question Him, and He said to them, "Are you deliberating together about this, that I said, 'A little while, and you are not going to see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'?"

20 Truly, truly I say to you that you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy! 21 Whenever a woman is in labour she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no

longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a [g]child has been born into the world. 22 Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one is going to take your joy away from you.

Prayer Promises

23 And on that day, you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. 24 Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full. 25 “These things I have spoken to you in figures of speech; an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father.

26 On that day you will ask in My name, and I am not saying to you that I will request of the Father on your behalf; 27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father. 28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

29 His disciples said, “See, now You are speaking plainly and are not using any figure of speech. 30 Now we know that You know all things, and that You have no need for anyone to question You; this is why we believe that You came forth from God.” 31 Jesus replied to them, “Do you now believe? 32 Behold, an hour is coming, and has already come, for you to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. 33 These things I have spoken to you so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions

What questions were provoked within you?

Did anything confuse you?

Did anything move you emotionally?

Did God instruct you to do something?

Did you gain any insight into God’s character?

Paul’s observations and insights

1. Jesus wants to prewarn His followers that there is trouble ahead!
2. How do you manage the persecution of your faith?
3. What is it to stumble?
4. When your enemy thinks you are the problem, what can you do?
5. The division between them is down to them not knowing God, or His Son, Jesus,
6. How can knowing that trouble is coming help?
7. Understanding will enable us to manage better than if we don’t understand.
8. Why did no one ask Jesus where He was going?
9. And now they know, why are the disciples sad?

10. In which way does it benefit the disciples that Jesus is going away?
11. Who is the helper that Jesus says is going to come in His place and how will He help?
12. It is the Holy Spirit's role to bring us into conviction, not human beings. Why?
13. Who is the ruler of this world that has been judged?
14. It is the Holy Spirit that will guide us into all truth.
15. The Father reveals through His Spirit,
16. And the Spirit reveals to our spirit, and our spirit reveals to our soul.
17. The hallmark of the Holy Spirit at work is that He brings glory to Jesus.
18. What does the term 'in a little while' mean?
19. Jesus says 'my passing will bring gladness to the world, but deep sadness to my disciples'.
20. How is it possible for grief to turn into joy?
21. Jesus compares the experience of child birth's pain and joy.
22. 'A little while' is letting go and saying goodbye
23. Like the greeting of a new beginning with an old friend.
24. A new joy of a new beginning will never be taken away from us.
25. Jesus says 'a day will come when we can ask God for anything
26. And it will be His delight to give it to us'.
27. It is only as we receive from God what we ask, will our joy be made full.
28. What does it mean for Jesus to speak to us plainly?
29. On that day we will be given direct access to the Father.
30. The Father's love for us took on a new meaning when we believed and trusted in Jesus.
31. Jesus the word, came from the Father, and Jesus now, is going to the Father, leaving the world.
32. Have you come to know in your spirit that Jesus knows all things?
33. The conviction and trust in Jesus were because they could see He knew all things.
34. Why did Jesus bring them to the point of conviction and then tell them they would scatter
35. Why tell them they will abandon Him so He would face everything alone?
36. Even if everyone leaves Him, He is not alone because the Father is with Him
37. The Father will never leave Him.
38. Why did Jesus cry out on the cross 'My God, My God, why have you forsaken me'?
39. True peace can only be found by trusting in Jesus.
40. Trusting in the world will bring you into tribulation.
41. How do you take hold of courage?