
John 16:1-23

(Basic Bible in English)

Jesus is with His 11 disciples. Judas has taken off to do his thing. He's giving the last words to His disciples, and we know everyone pays attention to a dying man's last words. They are very important.

1 ¶ These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. Jesus is explaining in detail what is going to happen to Him in detail. They still don't understand what's about to happen and He doesn't want them to be upset.

2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. People are going to think that they are doing God a great service by killing the disciples. The disciples will be expelled from the synagogues. Back then it took 10 Jewish men to form a synagogue as a place to worship. If you were expelled from the synagogue, you couldn't get a job, you were shunned by the community, your family disowned you, and you were a total outcast. The only thing worse than being outcast from a synagogue was having leprosy back then. They weren't in God's original plan. This is something man thought up on his own. Christians were very hated back then, very persecuted. They hated Christ and wanted Him and His followers blotted out of their life, out of history, out of everything. They are destroying Jesus and His followers because they didn't know the word of God. They followed their own religion, not God's teachings. They were ignorant of God's teachings. We don't need to worry though, because God is in control.

3 And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. Even today, our leaders of our countries are turning against God and squeezing Him and Jesus out of our governments.

4 But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you. Jesus didn't tell them all this at the beginning of His ministry because He didn't want them to be upset and not absorb the knowledge and lessons He had to teach them before this big event. They still don't understand what's about to happen.

5 But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? None of the disciples are asking Jesus where He's going.

6 But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Jesus understood their hearts, knew their hearts and minds inside and out. They just really didn't understand what was going on.

7 ¶ Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. This verse is very, very important. Jesus said, Listen, I'm going to tell you the truth. It is important that I leave here quickly, because after I go the Comforter, your lawyer, will come and dwell in you. This is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit couldn't come while Jesus was in the flesh. The Holy Spirit is the most misunderstood part of the Trinity.


8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: One of the tasks of the Holy Spirit is to expose sin and help you decide what is right and what is wrong.

9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; The Holy Spirit will give you a yearning to get close to Jesus, to stir your heart to seek Him out.

10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. Satan thought he had won the victory when Jesus was crucified, but actually Jesus won because He paid for our sins with His blood and gave us a way to save our souls for eternity. Don't underestimate Satan – he's smart and he'll turn you around to the wrong path in a heartbeat. This happens to the lowest person to the highest minister in the world. Keep your eyes on the Lord and this shouldn't happen to you. When Christ died on that cross, Satan was defeated.

12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. The disciples just cannot understand what Jesus is trying to tell them. They are mentally and physically unable to understand Jesus' meaning and message at this point. Babes in Christ commonly make this mistake by confusing themselves and get



disoriented in the Word and then get discouraged and stop reading the word of God. New Christians should start by reading the Book of John. You don't feed newborn babies steak when you bring them home from the hospital. No, you give them a bottle of milk. Same way with new Christians – encourage them to study the Book of John and then go on to more intense lessons. As time goes on and their knowledge matures, you will gain more and more understanding of God's word.

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Every time you sit down to study the word of God, pray first to the Holy Spirit to guide you and give you understanding of what you are reading. As you learn, you will start to understand the past, present and future of the world.

14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. This is very, very important verse. The Holy Spirit will glorify Jesus, period. It's right here in black and white. The Holy Spirit lifts up Christ. The Holy Spirit is a teacher, a guide, an illuminator of sin, and an advocate for you to learn about Jesus and His ways. Anytime that you see any group, and teacher, any minister preaching about the Holy Spirit and nothing else, he is a false teacher and doesn't know his bible.

15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. The Holy Spirit is going to show you the things of the Holy Father. The Holy Spirit seals us, brands us a saved Christian. The Holy Spirit will take what Jesus has and show it to us.

16 ¶ A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father. Jesus makes this statement that really confuses the disciples. He says, you won't see Me in bit, but you'll see Me later when I go to the Father.

17 Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? They didn't understand this statement. They couldn't wrap their minds around the concept.

18 They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith.

19 Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me? They were all murmuring in confusion.

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. Jesus says you all will be sad and crying and scared and the world will be celebrating because the world will think they have Jesus out of their hair.

21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. All you ladies that have been through childbirth know the meaning of this. The great pain you go through before the wonderful miracle of having a baby – great pain turns to great love.

22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. After He rose from the dead and appeared to them and they were infused with the Holy Spirit, they went into the world spreading the word and all died a martyr's death except John.

23 ¶ And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Jesus says after I'm resurrected, you can go directly to the Father and ask Him for things to further your cause. Back in those days, people thought they had to go a middle man – a priest – to speak to God. Jesus says, no, now you can go directly to God yourself, in My name.