

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes

Chapter 16 PT. 2: Jesus' Death and Resurrection Foretold

Introduction: We are now in **Part 2 of John 16**. We left off in **Verse 15**, where we understand that “ALL that the Holy Spirit gives to us, Christ has.” Nothing says it clearer than **2 Peter 1:3**.

2 Peter 1:3 (AMP) – ³ For His divine power has bestowed on us [absolutely] everything necessary for [a dynamic spiritual] life and godliness, through true *and* personal knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

Understanding: ALL that is necessary for obtaining a dynamic spiritual life and right standing with G-d has been made available to us by the Holy Spirit working in us and through us!

John 16:16-33

Verses 16-17

John 16:16-17 (NASB) - 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’?”



Note: As we have stated before, it does not matter when Jesus tells His disciples that He must leave them—they are not, and will not be, ready to receive it!

Verse 18

John 16:18 (NASB) – ¹⁸ So they were saying, “What is this that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not know what He is talking *about*.”

(Most Commonly Cited) The 5 Stages (DABDA): Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, and Acceptance.



Key: Just like any other human, when you hear devastating news that you were not expecting, you typically go to denial. This is where the Disciples of Jesus are.

Verse 19

John 16:19 (NASB) – 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’?”

Note: Jesus is attempting to get them to talk about what is in their hearts because He already knows.

- Jesus does not sugar-coat things to make them feel better.
- Jesus uses the truth that He knows will ultimately set them free.

Verses 20-21

John 16:20-21 (NASB) – 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 labor 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 child has been born into the world.

Question: Why do women forget the pain after childbirth?

Answer: 2-Fold, Physical and Spiritual.



Physical Response: Human Design

- High-level hormonal changes
- Emotional Bonding
- Cognitive Shifts
- Surge of oxytocin: “bonding hormone”, that can blunt memories of pain.

Spiritual Response: G-d’s Design



- The punishment for sin has been accomplished. **Genesis 3:16 (NASB)** - “...I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth...”.
- **The Promise:** The verse indicates that childbirth will involve "pain," "sorrow," or "severe toil".
- This is a result of the “**fall**” of man in the Garden of Eden.

Verse 22

John 16:22 (NASB) – 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.

Grief In Season - Ecclesiastes 3:1; 4

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NASB) - ¹ There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every matter under heaven—

Ecclesiastes 3:4 (NASB) - ⁴ A time to weep and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn and a time to dance.



Note: **NO ONE** who lives in a state that sees all four seasons would typically think things are okay if—

- Flowers did not start to bloom in the Spring
- Trees were not green in the Summer and have leaves.
- Leaves did not start falling from the trees in Autumn and colors changing.
- It did not get cold or snow at all in the Winter.

Understanding: Jesus is giving them permission to grieve **NOW!** This is the time and it's ok!

Prayer Promises

Verses 23-24

John 16:23-24 (NASB) –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.

Key: Jesus is now shifting into guiding them in Prayer after He goes to the Father. He is letting them know that the day is coming when they will no longer speak with Him but speak with the Father in His Name!

- After the Resurrection, **EVERY BELIEVER** in Jesus Christ will have direct access to the Father.
- We will be able to make our requests known to Father G-d.
- Believers will be guided in prayer by the Holy Spirit.
- But you must go through the Cross and not get stuck at it!



Verse 25

John 16:25 (NASB) - 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.

(KJV) - Proverbs - (Greek) - *mashal* - (an allegory, adage, song, or the like); intransitively, to resemble:--be(-come) like, compare, use (as a) proverb.

Verse 26-28

John 16:26-28 (NASB) - 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.”

Key: What an Incredible Promise Jesus is making to His Disciples then and Now!

- Jesus emphatically states that those who love Him can talk to the Father for themselves!
- We do not need a middleman after the Cross!
- What an incredible gift we have been given to PRAY directly to FATHER!

Matthew 6:7-9 (AMP) – ⁷ “And when you pray, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ So do not be like them [praying as they do]; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

⁹ **“Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.**



Verses 29-30

John 16:29-30 (NASB) - 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.”

Note: The Disciples are now getting to the point of acceptance, because they understand Jesus **must** go away and that He truly is the Son of G-d!

Verses 31-33

John 16:31-33 (NASB) – 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.”

Note: HIS LOVE NEVER FAILS! Jesus just let them know, He knew all of them would scatter and run away in fear, but **Father** will never leave **HIM!**

The same Father Jesus clings to is now our ABBA FATHER...Get to know HIM NOW!

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