

**The Book of John:**  
**The Disciple Jesus Loved**  
**Study Notes**  
**Chapter 16 PT. 1: Jesus' Warning**

**John 16:1-15**

**Introduction:** As we ended **Chapter 15**, Jesus begins to introduce **Holy Spirit**. He states, **“When the Helper Comes”**.

- Before He gives them the news of His soon departure, He gives them encouragement.
- He wants them to know **“Help”** is coming.
- He is also preparing them for the persecution ahead.

**Verse 1-2**

**John 16:1-2 (NASB)** – <sup>1</sup>“These things I have spoken to you so that you will not be led into sin. <sup>2</sup> 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.



**Verse 3-4**

**John 16:3-4 (NASB)** – <sup>3</sup> These things they will do because they have not known the Father nor Me. <sup>4</sup> 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.

**Note:** Jesus withheld telling His Disciples about the Persecution they would suffer because He was with them!

- They had no fear with Jesus present.
- They believed He was the Son of G-d.
- They believed all of Heaven would protect them.
- But soon Jesus knew this belief will be tested.

## **The Holy Spirit Promised**

### **Verse 5-6**

**John 16:5-6 (NASB)** – <sup>5</sup>“But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, grief has filled your heart.



**Note:** In this moment of grief, the Disciples really didn't care where He was going; they just were grieved to hear He would leave them.

- **These men have literally laid down their lives.**
- **They left family and professions to walk with Jesus, not without Him!**

**Question:** Is this Jesus' fault?

**Answer:** No

**Key:** Jesus was very honest about His journey. He let anyone that wanted to follow Him know, “the road I travel will not be easy”.

**Matthew 8:19-20 (NASB)** - <sup>19</sup> Then a scribe came and said to Him, “Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.” <sup>20</sup> And Jesus said to him, “The foxes have holes and the birds of the sky *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”

**Key:** Don’t be so excited to be a part of something but not count the cost! This is still happening in the Kingdom today.

**Luke 14:28-30 (NASB)** - <sup>28</sup> For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost, *to see* if he has *enough* to complete *it*? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, **all who are watching *it* will begin to ridicule him,** <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This person began to build, and was not able to finish!’



**Understanding:** How many people would be offered a large piece of land for free and told, “You can build a house here for free as well”, then just start building without considering if they could afford to build the house?

- They called in builders.
- They told all their friends and family they were moving into a new house.
- But they never stopped to think if they could afford it!
- Then you are left grieving because you were caught up in the excitement of building your own home.
- You did not count up the cost.

## Verse 7

**John 16:7 (NASB)** – <sup>7</sup> 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.

**Expedient-(Greek)-*symphérō***-profitable, bring together, be better, be good, i.e. literally to collect. "to bear together or at the same time".

**Note:** Because of the Holy Spirit, the whole Body of Christ has come together all at the same time! We become “**ONE**” when the Holy Spirit takes residence inside of us!



## Verse 8-9

**John 16:8-9 (NASB)** – <sup>8</sup> And He, when He comes, **will convict** the world regarding sin, and righteousness, and judgment: <sup>9</sup> regarding sin, because they do not believe in Me;

**Convict/Reprove-(Greek)-*elénchō***-by conviction to bring to the light, to expose. To call to account, show one his fault, to chasten, to punish.



## Verse 10

**John 16:10 (NASB)** – <sup>10</sup> and regarding righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you no longer *are going to* see Me;

**Key:** Jesus was the Disciples living example of Righteousness.

- He modeled how to stay in right standing with Father.
- He modeled how to be in the world but not of the world.
- He modeled what saying yes to the call looks like.



**Key:** Going forward, Holy Spirit would be their guide in Righteousness.

## Verse 11

**John 16:11 (NASB)** – <sup>11</sup> and regarding judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

**Note:** Jesus wants them to know Satan has already been judged and His time is almost up and even He knows it! Holy Spirit will remind them!

**Revelation 12:12 (NASB)** – <sup>12</sup> For this reason, rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you with great wrath, knowing that he has *only* a short time.”

### Verse 12-13

**John 16:12-13 (NASB)** – <sup>12</sup>“I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* at the present time. <sup>13</sup> 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.

- Jesus understands their grief over Him leaving and is sensitive to what they can handle hearing.
- He gives them comfort knowing Holy Spirit will soon be their guide into truth.
- Holy Spirit won't let them be caught off guard, they will be told what is coming.

### Verse 14-15

**John 16:14-15 (NASB)** – <sup>14</sup> He will glorify Me, for He will take from Mine and will disclose *it* to you. <sup>15</sup> All things that the Father has are Mine; this is why I said that He takes from Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

**Understanding:** ALL that Holy Spirit gives to us, Christ had.



- All that He gives us for our strength and quickening, and all that He secures and seals to us, did all belong to Christ, was had, and received from Him.
- Holy Spirit came not to erect a new kingdom, but to advance and establish the same Kingdom that Christ had already established on earth.
- Holy Spirit came to maintain the same interest and pursue the same design as Christ in His Body.

**The End**