

## John Chapter 16

In Chapter 15 He tells them that the world hates Him without cause. Now He tells them more. He wants them to know what is coming. He does not want them to stumble or doubt. The world sees the Cross as an offense. Temptations and dark nights.

Out of the synagogues – Greek means excommunicated. Out of the community. So killing them seems like serving God. Example of St. Paul. The reason they do this is because they don't know the Father and don't know Him. Many people who think that they know God do not really know Him or they misunderstand Him. If we do not know Jesus we can't know God. The religious leaders said they knew Him but did not keep the covenants.

They should remember that He told them these things ahead of time. While Jesus was on earth He bore the hatred and the persecution. After he leaves then the disciples will bear that. But He had promised them another Comforter.

They should not be sad that He is going back to the Father. If He does not go back, the comforter cannot come. Jesus will send the Comforter from the Father. The promise of the Spirit was to comfort them and to reassure them that they would not be on their own.

Divine, Sovereign Plan. Jesus had to accomplish His Work first. Spirit is the Fruit of that.

He will convict the **world**- Jew and Gentile. Conviction is more than telling or mentioning. Not believing in Jesus is the greatest problem. This is not natural conscience like murder, stealing, etc. Shows us the Righteousness of Christ and the Cross.

Jesus going to the Father ; no longer seen in physical form; likeness of sinful flesh. Spirit coming was proof of what Jesus had done and Who He was. He is at the Right Hand. Satan is judged.

They will also testify.

V 12-15: He knew that they could not understand and cope with any more knowledge. When the Spirit comes then they will understand. Spirit will guide them – like the Cloud in the Wilderness. Guide to all Truth – including Scripture.

Spirit will speak consistent doctrine with the Son and the Father. Not a separate agenda. I Cor 2:10-11- Spirit searches the depths of God. SO we can count on the Spirit's knowledge and power.

Prophecy- Spirit will tell them what is to come.

Spirit glorifies Christ on earth and the Father glorifies Him in Heaven. To advance the Kingdom.

V 16: in a little while they will no longer see Him; but then they will see Him again. This period of their lives was ending. They should not lose heart because then they will see Him again.

V 17-18 : the disciples don't understand what He is talking about. They are still thinking secular kingdom. He had told them these things before.

He knows what they are asking. They will have sorrow; the world will rejoice. Then they will rejoice. Talking about their emotions; they can't understand it now. Those that oppose Him will think that they won. Compares this to a woman in labor. After they see Him again no one will be able to take that joy away.

There is immediate joy and also eternal joy.

V23-24: if they ask the Father in His Name, they will receive. Afterward they will understand and will ask Him nothing. They did not ask like David did. Asking rightly will increase their joy. We ask in His Name.

Speaks in plain language. The Father loves them because they have loved Jesus. Jesus came from the Father into the world and then He will go back. God manifested in human form. Plan of Salvation. They get the knowledge when the Spirit is poured out. Their confusion will be gone.

V 29-30 : when he speaks plainly they understand. Now they are sure in faith. They were sure that He knew all things; not like a prophet.

He gives them a gentle rebuke- now you believe? They will run away in doubt. They have human weakness. The time was now. They will leave Him alone.

They will have peace in Him even though they will have tribulation in the world. Applies to us also. Cannot rely on human weaknesses. He gives the True Peace; the True Shalom. We should rely on that. Because He has overcome the world. Conquers Satan, sin, and death. We should be of good cheer.