

John 16

1. What is Jesus referring to? Chapters 14 and 15 The key points: He's going to prepare a place for us. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He will send the Counselor. We must remain in Him to bear fruit. If we love Him, obey Him. Love one another. That is Jesus' teaching that will help us to not go astray (fall away or backslide). Matthew 13:21 How do those teachings keep us from falling away?

2. In a short while the religious leaders would kill Jesus, then Stephen, then send Saul out to round Christians up and throw them in jail. Amazingly, that man Saul ended up doing more jail time for Jesus than most anyone we have record of. Why do religious leaders hate Christians? Luke 6:22; Matthew 24:9 Acts 5:30-33

3. See 15:21; 8:44

4. See 13:19; 14:29

5-6 He had wondered before what would happen when He left them. 6:62;14:28

7. I think that is what Jesus was referring to in Luke 9:27. 14:26;15:26 Acts 2:33

8-11 Here is an outline of the work of the Holy Spirit. We don't realize the difference He makes in the lives of men since Pentecost! He convicts (the word was used for cross examining) people of the sin of unbelief. When people crucified Jesus they did not feel guilty, but after the Spirit came, see Acts 2:37. He proclaims the righteousness of Jesus in the ascension (Romans 3:21-24). Why does the world think that this man that was crucified as a Jewish criminal is a righteous man? That is the work of the Holy Spirit. The HS convinces us of judgment of the prince of this world, and the judgment of all mankind (Romans 2:2-4). To word it a bit differently, He convicts men they are sinners, that Jesus was righteous, and that there is a judgment coming.

12 The Lord only tells us what we can bear and many times only what we are willing to hear.

13 Those things we were not willing to hear the Spirit will teach us when we are ready. 1Corinthians 2:9-12 Just like Jesus, He only speaks what comes from the Father (John 12:49). He sometimes warns us of future events. Acts 20:23

14 The Holy Spirit reveals Jesus to us. John 15:26

15-16 These three are one. The Son only has what is from the Father. The Spirit only reveals the Son. Colossians 2:9

17 –19 Luke 18:34 indicates that God did not allow them to perceive some things. Compare with 14:19

20-22 Jesus is still preparing them to endure through the struggle ahead as He said in the first verse of the chapter. He makes the analogy of a woman giving birth. Joy is a fruit of the Spirit. What would that have said to you? Do trials in our lives have a similar affect? In what way? Isaiah 25:8; 61:3

23-24 It is to our loss that we don't ask more. We have the Father's ear because we are in the Son. Ask! 1 John 5:14-16 When we see God answer our prayers and touch the world we are filled with joy.

25 For most of Jesus' ministry Jesus used parables. Jesus spoke in ways that did not immediately identify Him as the Messiah to prolong His ministry. Mark 13:34-35 Now His time has come. He begins speaking plainly. The Spirit speaks plainly.

26 –27 To believe in Christ opens the door to being in Him. In Him you have access to God. He loves you because you have the righteousness of Christ. He loves the Son. He loves righteousness. That is why He hears your prayers.

28 – 31The time had come to be clear and direct. 17:8 They believe? To what extent? To accept the truth and to give your life to the truth are two different levels of belief. To what level have you believed?

32 Jesus challenges the level of their belief, because He knows of their soon coming betrayal. He eases their future guilt by helping them understand that His Father will be with Him through the trial.

33 Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6-7). He is the way to peace with God (Romans 5:1). We should expect nothing from this world. The fallen world is polluted by sin and under a curse. If we look for anything but tribulation from it, we will be disappointed. Our expectation should be entirely in Him. 14:27 Then, no matter what the world presents you with you can be of good cheer, have joy, because your joy is found outside this fallen world. It is in the victory of Christ over it, over sin, and over death. Philippians 4:7