

## **Ann's Choice Bible Study, John Chapter 16, March 17, 2021**

In Chapter 15, we read about Jesus' promise of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit. The disciples were still hoping that the Messiah would set up an earthly kingdom and overthrow the Roman oppression. Let's look at Christ's words to the disciples in John 16.

Read John 16:1-4

1. What did Christ say would happen to the disciples after his return to the Father?
2. Why would this happen? What did the persecutors hope to accomplish?
3. Again, the Lord cautioned the disciples what was in store for them just as he did in John chapter 15. Why didn't he warn them earlier?

Read John 16:5-15

Verse 5 and 6 seem to infer that the disciples were more wrapped up in their own feelings of grief and concern than worrying about what was in store for Jesus.

4. Do we often get too immersed in our own worry rather than being thankful to God for the marvelous blessing he bestowed through Jesus our Lord? How are some of the ways we give way to other issues in friends and family without turning to God?
5. In verse 7, Jesus again promised the Advocate. What would be accomplished by the coming of the Holy Spirit? What will the Holy Spirit prove to the world?
6. In verses 13 and 14, Jesus tells more of what the Holy Spirit came to do. What were these gifts?
7. Who enables the Holy Spirit to make known to us the Truth?

Read John 16:16-22

8. The disciples were perplexed because of Jesus words. What was their source of confusion?
  
9. Jesus was able to read the thoughts of the disciples. He told them that they would weep and mourn while the world rejoiced, but that their grief would turn to joy. What analogy did he use to illustrate the anguish becoming rejoicing?

Read John 16:23-29

10. As Jesus will no longer be with the disciples, how does he instruct them to ask for help?
  
11. Jesus often used parables in his teaching. In verse 25, he states that “a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language.” The teachings in the book of Acts and in the letters of Paul are no longer figurative, but are direct statements. Now we can pray directly to God in the Name of Jesus. Who else is an aid in making sure our petitions get to the throne of God? See Romans 8:26-27.
  
12. Now the disciples felt that their belief in Jesus was complete. What did he foretell in verse 32 about the weakness of their belief? What would still support Jesus after the disciples scattered?
  
13. Jesus again returns to the promise of peace. How could the disciples of Christ receive courage and endurance?

A love letter from Jesus: verse 33, “I have told you these things, as that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” Read also Psalm 30:5 May you have Joy in the morning!