

# **John 16**

## **John 16.1-4**

**V1** – What was the purpose of *John 13-15*? To keep the apostles from stumbling

-How could they keep from stumbling? By following God's words

-They could not be tricked into stumbling

-To know in advance of a coming test is half of the battle

-For example, if we know that policemen are checking speeds just around the bend in the road, it makes us more careful

**V2** – In *Acts*, gospel preachers were cast out of synagogues (for example, at Corinth, Paul cast out – *Acts 18*)

-What would be the attitude of the persecutors? They would think they were offering a service to God

-Who in the New Testament did this? Paul before he was converted – he was very sincere

-The Catholic Inquisition – many thousands of people were killed by the Catholic leadership with perfectly clear conscience

-This is the most dangerous kind of persecution

**V3** – They would not have a true knowledge of God – they knew his name (Yahweh), but did not really "know" him

**Read Micah 6:8** – The true knowledge of God

**V4** – Had Jesus told his apostles about the coming persecution early in their training? No

-Why? They were not ready for it, and Jesus was still with them, but now he was leaving

## **John 16.5-15**

**V5** – At this point, they were not asking where Jesus was going, but maybe just worrying about themselves and their selfish interest

**V6** – Advantages of Jesus' leaving them? They would have a savior at the right hand of God, and the Holy Spirit would come

-But why were they sad? The outlook of a close friend's leaving

**V7** – Main advantage of Jesus' leaving? Holy Spirit would come after the departure of Jesus

-What are the advantages of having the Holy Spirit? He would guide the apostles into all truth

-Jesus would send the Holy Spirit and told them to wait in Jerusalem for power from on high

**V8** – What was the job of the Holy Spirit? To correct the world of sin

-How did the Holy Spirit correct the world of sin in the days of the apostles? Through oral words of the apostles

-How does he do this today? Through the written word of the Bible

**V9** – People corrected of their sins

**-Does this mean people will respond?** No, not necessarily – they will just see their sins

**V 10** – Righteousness comes only from the Father

**V 11** – Judgment – Satan was evil and would be lost eternally

**V 12** – It was not easy for the apostles to make the transition between Judaism and Christianity  
-Great principle of teaching: teach them only what they are ready to learn

**V 13** – **When we shine a spotlight on an object, do we see the spotlight or the object?** The object  
-But today, many people are obsessed with the spotlight (Holy Spirit) and miss what the Holy Spirit has told us in the Scriptures  
-Many miss the entire plan of salvation, because they are so distracted with the subject of the Holy Spirit

**V 14** – Holy Spirit was to glorify Christ

**V 15** – All of the Father’s people belong to Jesus  
-This cannot be said of any other spiritual being

**John 16.16-22** – Difficulties explained

**V 16** – **What was he referring to?** His physical resurrection

**V 17** – Very confusing words to the apostles

**V 18** – **Who were the apostles talking to?** One another  
-It was strange that they were not asking Jesus

**V 19** – Jesus perceived their confusion  
-**Did he answer their question?** No  
-**Why?** They probably were not ready to hear it, and in a few days they would know anyway

**V 20** – **Why would they weep?** Christ dead  
-**Would they rejoice?** Christ was raised from the dead  
-So their sorrow would be turned into joy because of the resurrection

**V 21** – **What illustration does Jesus use?** Woman giving birth

**V 22** – They would see Jesus again

**John 16.23-33**

**V 23** – **When would “that day” be?** Sometime after the resurrection  
-Their requests in prayer would be answered

**V 24** – Thus far, if they had needed anything, they had asked Jesus directly  
-Now they would ask the Father in the name of the Son, so our requests are in Jesus' name

**V 25** – Up to this point, many things had been misunderstood by the apostles (not seeing into the future), but on the Day of Pentecost all would be made clear  
**-Was Peter confused about anything on the Day of Pentecost?** No, he spoke with power and conviction and understanding

**V 26** – Meaning: we make requests directly to the Father in the name of the Son

**V 27** – **Why will the Father hear our prayers?** We are friends of his Son

**V 28** – This is a clear statement of where Jesus came from and where he is going  
-A little unclear to the apostles, probably up until this point

**V 29** – They understood (probably for the first time)

**V 30** – They were impressed that Jesus had answered the real question they had (where He came from and where He was going)

**V 31-32** – **What was the prophecy of Jesus here?** That they would desert him  
-Their present faith would not be strong enough to get them through the coming hours

**V 33** – One of the greatest verses in *John*  
-Ironic- Jesus is speaking of peace, just hours before his crucifixion  
**-What is “peace” to the Christian?** Inner peace, even in midst of turmoil  
-All of us have probably experienced this peace  
-If not, we have real problems  
-The inner person calms down

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