

Gospel of John
[The Disciples' Uncertainties (John 16:16-33)]

Jesus' Farewell Discourse (chs. 13-17)

- Jesus is about to leave the disciples (13:33, 36).
- After Jesus departs, He will send the HS to be with them, dwell in them, teach them all things, bring Jesus' words to their remembrance, convict the world, guide the disciples into the truth, disclose what is to come, and glorify Jesus (14:15-17, 25, 26; 15:26, 27; 16:7-15).
- The disciples are to abide in Jesus, bear fruit, and glorify God (15:1-8).
- The disciples are to love one another as Jesus has loved them (15:12).
- The world is going to hate them (15:18-21; 16:2, 3).

Jesus Addresses the Uncertainties of the Disciples (16:16-33)

v. 16: In a little while (three days after Jesus' crucifixion) the disciples will see Jesus (7:33; 13:33; 14:18).

I. The Disciples' Initial Consternation (vs. 17, 18)

II. Jesus' Partial Clarification (vs. 19-28)

-A Contrast Between Present Sorrow and Future Joy (vs. 20-24)

-A Contrast Between Present Obscurity and Future Clarity (vs. 25-28)

III. The Disciples' Professed Comprehension (vs. 29-32)

IV. Jesus' Final Consolation (v. 33)

Practical Lessons

- 1) Beware of false guilt rooted in an unbiblical emphasis on Christ (vs. 15, 25).
- 2) Pray in a biblical way (v. 24).
- 3) Beware of presumption and false confidence rooted in ignorance of your remaining sin (vs. 29-32; 1 Cor. 10:12).
- 4) Keep present sorrow in biblical perspective (v. 16).
- 5) Take comfort in all that Jesus does for His people (vs. 27, 28).