

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
Equipped for the Mission
John 16:1-15
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Jesus is telling the Disciples everything He can to get them ready for what is coming.

"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away."

John 16:1 ESV

Jesus told them it was coming so they would believe Him.

COMING TRIALS

They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. 3 And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4 But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. John 16:2-4 ESV

The Jews had two thousand years to form an opinion of who God is and who the Messiah would be. When they met face to face they did not recognize the Son of God.

Jesus is getting ready to leave the Disciples and He needs them to know and remember.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME

7 "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged." John 16:7-11 ESV

Up to now the ministry of Jesus was confined to Palestine. The Disciples are about to be sent into the world.

THE MISSION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Convict the world of Sin

To be convicted of sin is to know we said no to God and decided to live life our way.

2. Lead the Disciples in direction, truth and righteousness.

The Spirit shows us God's character is righteousness. We are measured by the character of God.

You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 1 John 3:5 ESV

Jesus met a standard of right and wrong perfectly and never sinned, He never said no to God.

3. Reveal Jesus as come from God.

The Holy Spirit is to glorify Christ and lift up Jesus.

Judgment was found against Satan who exhibited his self-will and rebellion. The cross proved the utter condemnation and defeat of the prince of this world.

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH IS COMING

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you." John 16:12-15 ESV

The Holy Spirit is tasked with making God a reality to all people.

Once you have accepted salvation you live your life as a disciple of Jesus sharing the Good News with the people God puts in your life.