

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
It's Time To Go
John 16:16-33
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Here is what Jesus is telling His Disciples.

AFTER A LITTLE WHILE

"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." 17 So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?"
John 16:16-17 ESV

As Jesus is speaking, 'In a little while' is only a matter of hours. By Friday at 3 pm He will be dead and laid in a borrowed tomb.

Jesus gives further explanation.

Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.... 22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.
John 16:20, 22 ESV

Once you see the resurrected Jesus you will truly witness the King on His throne.

When Jesus would not be their king in the way they wanted Him to serve them, the world was glad to see His death.

After the resurrection the Disciples rejoiced and the world continues to doubt and struggle to believe.

ASK IN MY NAME

In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. 24 Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. John 16:23-24 ESV

The name of Jesus is the way of Jesus. If you will walk **with** Jesus and do **with** Jesus you will carry out the ministry as He has designed it.

PLAIN TALK

"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father." John 16:25 ESV

A figure of speech is when you exaggerate the facts to clarify the point.

Jesus also indicates here that our connection to God is being reestablished.

Jesus came from the Father and now He is returning. This is why He will send the Holy Spirit to be with us.

THE FUTURE IS HERE

Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. 33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:32-33 ESV

Knowing the truth as Jesus teaches us will give us peace.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.
John 14:27 ESV

With Jesus you do not have to be afraid.