

The Farewell Discourse (John 15: 18 – 27 and John 16: 1 - 15)

January 29 and February 1, 2023

Sunday, January 29 (John 15: 18 – 27)

- From **John 15: 18 – 19**, describe the message that Jesus provided regarding the apostles' relationship with the world. How can we relate to this message? (*Matthew 10: 21 – 22; James 4: 4*)
- In **John 15: 20 – 21**, how did Jesus describe the connection between His apostles and Himself? How would this realization help the apostles to prepare for the opposition that they would face as they worked to share the gospel with others?
- Describe the statements that Jesus makes in **John 15: 22 – 25**. How did Jesus characterize the reaction of most people to His teaching and the miracles that He performed, and what was the outcome? (*Psalms 69: 4*)
- From **John 15: 26**, how will the Holy Spirit testify (or bear witness) of Christ?
- Similarly, from **John 15: 27**, how will the apostles bear witness of Christ? How do we bear witness of Christ to the people of the world?
(*Romans 8: 16 – 17*)

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Wednesday, February 1 (John 16: 1 – 15)

- What warning did Jesus give to the apostles in **John 16: 1 – 3**? According to His statement, why would the people threaten the apostles? (*Acts 22: 3 – 4*)
- In **John 16: 4**, what insight did Jesus provide regarding His warning to the apostles? Why had He not provided this warning sooner?
- Describe the meaning behind Jesus' statement recorded in **John 16: 5**. As the apostles had previously asked Him where He was going, what did Christ mean by making this statement? (*John 13: 36; John 14: 5*)
- What encouragement did Jesus offer in **John 16: 6 – 7**? What would be the benefit of His departure?
- How did Jesus characterize the work of the Holy Spirit, as recorded in **John 16: 8 – 11**? What three topics will be addressed by the Spirit, and how are those topics linked together?
(*John 3: 18; 1 John 2: 29; John 8: 42 – 45; 2 Corinthians 5: 10*)
- In **John 16: 12**, what acknowledgement did Jesus make? What did He mean by saying that the apostles could not bear the additional insight that He had to offer?
- From **John 16: 13 – 15**, what points did Jesus reiterate regarding the purpose and work of the Holy Spirit?