

UPDATED The Farewell Discourse (John 16: 1 – 24)

February 5 and February 8, 2023

Sunday, February 5 (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?

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Wednesday, February 8 (John 16: 16 – 24)

- From **John 16: 16 – 18**, describe the statement that Jesus made. Is this new information to the apostles? What question did the apostles ask each other as a result of Jesus' statement?
- Describe the response that Jesus provided in **John 16: 19 – 20**. Why would the world rejoice at the events that were about to transpire, and how would the apostles' sorrow be turned into joy? (*1 Peter 4: 12 – 13*)
- Describe the point of the illustration and explanation that Jesus presented in **John 16: 21 – 22**. How did He amplify His previous points about His departure and return?
- In **John 16: 23**, why did Jesus tell His apostles that they would ask Him nothing, but would make their requests to the Father? What point did Jesus make about His future role?
(*1 Timothy 2: 5 – 6; Hebrews 4: 14 – 15*)
- From **John 16: 24**, what message did Jesus deliver regarding the benefit of prayer?
- Taking into consideration Jesus' message from **John 16: 16 – 24**, what effect should the knowledge of Jesus' death and resurrection have on us? (*1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 4; Romans 8: 11*)