

The Farewell Discourse (John 16: 25 – 33 and John 17: 1 – 8)

February 12 and February 15, 2023

Sunday, February 12 (John 16: 25 – 33)

- From **John 16: 25**, describe Jesus' statement regarding His prior use of figurative language (or using figures of speech). What situation would bring about a change in God's teaching approach to the apostles?
- Describe the meaning of the statement that Jesus made in **John 16: 26 – 27**. Why did Jesus say that He would no longer pray for them (or ask the Father on their behalf)? What did this indicate about God's future relationship with the apostles, and His relationship with us? (*Hebrews 7: 25*)
- Considering the statement that Jesus made in **John 16: 28**, describe the response given by the apostles in **John 16: 29 – 30**. What understanding did they acknowledge, and why had they come to that realization?
- How did Jesus respond in **John 16: 31 – 32**? What did His prediction indicate about the faith of the apostles in relation to the events that would soon transpire? (*John 20: 8 – 9; John 20: 29*)
- What encouragement did Jesus provide in **John 16: 33**? What would be the reason that the apostles could find peace in the challenging situations that they would face in the future? (*John 20: 19*)

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Wednesday, February 15 (John 17: 1 – 8)

- Considering Jesus' entire prayer recorded in **John Chapter 17**, what three topics did Jesus address (who did He pray for)?
- From **John 17: 1 – 2**, how would Jesus be glorified, and how would He glorify God the Father? What does this statement indicate about the relationship between Christ and God the Father?
(*John 1: 14; Hebrews 1: 1 – 3*)
- In **John 17: 3**, how did Jesus define “eternal life”? How does a knowledge of God the Father and Christ lead to eternal life?
(*Jeremiah 9: 23 – 24; 1 John 4: 6 – 7*)
- According to **John 17: 4**, how had Jesus glorified God the Father? What can we learn from Jesus' adherence to God's will? (*Romans 5: 18 – 19*)
- What additional perspective did Jesus provide regarding His relationship to God the Father in **John 17: 5**? (*John 1: 1 – 2*)
- Who did Jesus pray for beginning in **John 17: 6**? How did He describe them? (*Matthew 12: 46 – 50*)
- From **John 17: 7 – 8**, how had Jesus prepared them for their mission? What knowledge had they been provided, and how would that knowledge benefit them? (*Luke 10: 23 – 24*)