

## John 16:1-33 **Jesus is going to the Father – Work of the Holy Spirit – Ask in Jesus' Name**

### Purpose of Foretelling future events

<sup>1</sup> "These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. <sup>2</sup> They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. <sup>3</sup> And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. <sup>4</sup> But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

### It is to your advantage that I go away to My Father – Holy Spirit Helper will be sent

<sup>5</sup> "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' <sup>6</sup> "But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> 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 depart, I will send Him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: <sup>9</sup> of sin, because they do not believe in Me; <sup>10</sup> of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; <sup>11</sup> of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup> I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

### Death, Resurrection, Appearances foretold

<sup>16</sup> "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father." <sup>17</sup> Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "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 go to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup> They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying." <sup>19</sup> Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'? <sup>20</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. <sup>21</sup> A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

### Asking in the Name of Jesus

<sup>23</sup> And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. <sup>25</sup> "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; <sup>27</sup> for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. <sup>28</sup> I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father."

### I have overcome the world

29 His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! 30 Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God." 31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? 32 Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. 33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

### Purpose of Foretelling future events

- ✠ These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. [John 16:1]
  - ✧ Jesus told us what lies ahead for us, so we will know what to expect and to strengthen us for the time to come so we will not stumble when persecution arrives.
  - ✧ Jesus told us what lies ahead for us, and the eternal reward that awaits us, if we are faithful to obey His commandments, that we might enjoy the same joy Jesus had. [John 15:11]
  - ✧ The joy Jesus gives us is His own joy, knowing the end of the suffering, and the entering of His reward for His obedience, King of kings and Lord of lords, ruler of the Kingdom of Heaven was what strengthened Jesus for the ordeal He was led to suffer. [Hebrews 12:1-2]
  - ✧ Therefore, Jesus told us what lies ahead for us, and the eternal reward that awaits us, if we are faithful to obey His commandments, that we might enjoy the same joy Jesus had.
  - ✧ Our joy will be full when we have the same heart as Jesus. [Matthew 5:11-12, Romans 15:13, Galatians 5:22, 1 Peter 1:3-9, 4:12-13, 1 John 1:3-4, Jude 1:24]
  - ✧ And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. [John 14:29]
  - ✧ Jesus, like God, has revealed the things to come for the purpose, **that you may believe** and be prepared, when you see it come to pass. [Matthew 24:33, Mark 13:23, 29, Luke 21:20, 31, John 12:16, 16:4]
  - ✧ John wrote his Gospel with the same purpose, "and truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written **that you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and **that believing you may have life in His name.**" [John 20:30-31]
  - ✧ These things I have spoken to you, **that in Me you may have peace.** In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." [John 16:33]
- ✠ **They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.** And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. **But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.** And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you. [John 16:2-4]
  - ✧ **They will put you out of the synagogues.** This had already begun. [John 9:22, 12:42]
  - ✧ The time is coming that **whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.** This was seen when Saul (Paul) was persecuting the Church. [Acts 22:3-5, Galatians 1:14, Philippians 3:4-6]
  - ✧ Told in advance, that when the time comes you may remember I told you of them. [John 16:4]
  - ✧ While Jesus was here they did not need to know what was coming, but when Jesus is departing, they need to know what is ahead so they will be able to cope with it when it comes.

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- ✚ "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart." [John 16:5-6]
  - ✧ Jesus knows where He is going and the effect the news has on the disciples.
  - ✧ Jesus is going to God the Father Who sent Him. [John 13:3, 14:38, 16:5]
- ✚ 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 depart, I will send Him to you**. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. [John 16:7-11]
- ✚ I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. [John 16:12]
- ✚ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. [John 16:13-15]
  - ✧ Jesus had a lot of things to say to the disciples which He could not say until after the confirmation of His Resurrection, then they would be able to understand and believe. These things He said during the 40 days between His Resurrection and Ascension. [Acts 1:3]
  - ✧ The Holy Spirit Helper could not be sent, until Jesus had ascended to the right hand of the Father in Heaven and received authority to send Him. [John 16:7, Acts 2:32-33]
  - ✧ **The work of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth:**
    - ✧ To take the things of Jesus and reveal them to the believers, teaching them to understand the message given by Jesus. [John 14:26, 15:26, 16:13-15]
    - ✧ He will also bring to our remembrance all the things Jesus has said. [John 14:26]
    - ✧ To convict the world of **sin**, because they do not believe in Jesus. [John 16:8-9] Jesus is God's only answer to the sin problem.
    - ✧ To convict the world of **righteousness**, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more. [John 16:8, 10] Jesus is the embodiment of righteousness, which the world rejected and lost when they crucified the Lord of Glory.
    - ✧ To convict the world of **judgment**, because the ruler of this world is judged. [John 16:8, 11] Satan the ruler of this world was defeated by the death and resurrection of Jesus. The judgment of the world is assured by the defeat of Satan, and will take place at the return of Jesus to establish His Kingdom, and at the Great White Throne when the New Heaven, New Earth, and New Jerusalem will be introduced.
    - ✧ To guide us into all Truth. [John 16:13]
    - ✧ He will not speak on His own authority, but will be a faithful witness of what He hears from God the Father and from Jesus. [John 16:13]
    - ✧ He will tell you things to come. [John 16:13]
    - ✧ He will glorify Jesus by taking what Jesus gives Him and revealing it to us. [John 16:14]
  - ✧ Jesus said, "All things that the Father has are Mine." [John 16:15, Matthew 11:27, Luke 10:22, John 3:35, 5:20, 13:3]
    - ✧ Therefore, the Holy Spirit will take the things belonging to Jesus and reveal it to us. [John 14:26, 15:26, 16:13-15]

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- ✚ "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father." [John 16:16-22]

- ✧ This discourse is in reference to the sorrow of the disciples at the time of Jesus death on the cross, followed by the Joyous excitement at the appearances of the resurrected Christ.
- ✧ The unsaved world of unbelievers will rejoice at the death of Jesus.
- ✧ Jesus returned to the Father in Heaven to be seated at His right hand until the time of the Kingdom of God to come to this earth at the return of Christ and the appointed refreshing and restoration of all things. [Acts 1:6, 3:19-21]
- ✧ When Jesus returns, all things will be put under His feet and under His control.
- ✧ After seeing the risen Lord Jesus, the disciples will have a faith and joy that no one will be able to take away from them, as they go to the ends of the earth as eyewitnesses of His resurrection.

**Asking in the Name of Jesus** [John 14:13-14, 15:16, 16:23-28]

✧ 23 And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, **whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.**

24 Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

✧ 25 "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father.

✧ 26 In that day you will **ask in My name**, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; 27 for the **Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.**

✧ 28 **I came forth from the Father** and have come into the world. Again, **I leave the world and go to the Father.**" [John 16:23-28]

✧ Our prayer is not to Jesus, with the expectation that Jesus will pray to the Father on our behalf, but rather directly to the Father in the Name of Jesus, which is by the authority Jesus has granted us. [John 16:23, 26, 27, 3:16-18]

✧ When Jesus was here with the Disciples, they did not pray in the name of Jesus because He was directly providing everything they needed by the Father working in Him. [John 16:24]

✧ God the Father loves us because we have loved Jesus, and believed that Jesus came from God the Father. [John 3:16-18, 16:27]

✧ As John has demonstrated through his entire Gospel record, Jesus came into the world from the Father, and After His resurrection He returned to the Father. [John 1:1-3, 3:13-18, 6:31-58, 8:23, 16:28]

✧ And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, **that the Father may be glorified in the Son.** If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. [John 14:13-14]

✧ Whatever we ask, we will receive, if we ask according to His Will. [1 John 5:14-15]

✧ Whatever we as obedient children ask, believing, we will receive, however to believe, we need to know the will of the Father and of Jesus, and be praying in accordance with it. [Matthew 21:22, Mark 11:24, 1 John 3:16-22]

✧ We will not receive anything we pray for if we ask amiss for something against the Will of the Father or of Jesus. [James 4:3]

✧ The Father is glorified in the Son, when we as obedient children, ask and receive what we asked for, because we asked **according to His Will.**

✧ When we ask **in the Name of Jesus**, we are asking by the authority Jesus granted us, by which we may come before the Father with our request.

✧ We need to keep our requests in line with that such as we would expect Jesus to ask if it were Him doing the asking.

✧ Then our holy request has the assurance that God will grant it to the glory of His Son, and it will in return bring glory to the Father.

- ✧ Ask in Holiness and in the Will of God, you will receive the right response from the Father.
- ✧ You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that **whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.** [John 15:16]
  - ✧ The choice of the Apostles was made by Jesus Himself, not by the disciples.
  - ✧ The reason they were chosen was that they might be appointed to bear enduring fruit for the Kingdom of God.
  - ✧ For the fruitful disciple, Jesus gave the promise that the prayers of the faithful disciple offered in the Name of Jesus would receive favorable response from God the Father.

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- ✧ His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God." [John 16:29-30]
- ✧ Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. [John 16:31-32]
- ✧ These things I have spoken to you, **that in Me you may have peace.** In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." [John 16:33]
  - ✧ The Disciples realized that **Jesus knows all things** and needs no input from mankind.
  - ✧ The claim to believing was challenged by Jesus as He revealed the scattering of the Disciples at the time of His arrest. [Matthew 26:31, 56, Mark 14:27, 50, John 16:31-32]
  - ✧ Jesus gave the information of what was ahead for the Disciples so they might have peace when the events take place. [John 16:33]
  - ✧ **Tribulation is coming**, that is a fact, but the thing that encourages the believer is the knowledge that Jesus has overcome the world, and **in that fact we may rejoice.** [Matthew 5:11-12, Luke 6:22-23, 10:20, John 14:28, Acts 5:41, Romans 5:1-4, 12:9-12, Philippians 3:1-3, 4:4, Colossians 1:24, 1 Thessalonians 1:16, Hebrews 3:6, 1 Peter 1:3-9, 4:12-14]