

John 16:5-16

John 16:5-7 *“(5) But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? (6) But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. (7) Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.”*

A. Again (**John 14:28**), Jesus is telling the disciples that He is going to return to the Father (**John 13:3**).

1. In the past they had asked where He was going (**John 13:36**).
2. However, in this discussion, they are not asking anything (cf. **Mark 9:30-32**).

B. Jesus leaving this world was sorrowful for the disciples (**John 16:19-20**).

1. It was expedient for Jesus to leave so that the Spirit would come (**John 7:36-39**; cf. **Luke 24:49**, **Acts 1:8**, and **Acts 2:1-4**).
2. Jesus established that He would be sending the Holy Spirit to them (**John 15:26**).

John 16:8-11 *“(8) And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: (9) Of sin, because they believe not on me; (10) Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; (11) Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.”*

A. In the first century, the Holy Spirit did many works by miraculously speaking through men (**Luke 12:11-12** and **I Corinthians 2:9-13**).

1. He inspired men whom reproved the world of sin (**II Timothy 4:2**).
2. The inspired word of God teaches righteousness (**Psalms 119:172** and **Proverbs 8:8**).
3. Certainly, inspired men spoke of judgment as well (**Deuteronomy 6:1**, **Zechariah 8:16**, and **I Peter 4:17**).

B. The Lord explained why the Comforter was coming to reprove the world...

1. Of sin, because they did not believe on Jesus (**John 8:23-24** and **Acts 3:14-19**).
2. Of righteousness, because Jesus was going to the Father (**Jeremiah 23:5-6** and **Romans 3:21-26**).
3. Of Judgment, because the prince of this world would be judged (**John 12:31-32**).

John 16:12-16 *“(12) I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. (13) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (14) He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. (15) All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. (16) A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.”*

A. As we discussed in verse four, Jesus has things to teach that the disciples were not able to bear yet (**Hebrews 5:11-14**).

1. Jesus taught them “as they were able to hear it” (**Mark 4:33**).

2. Remember, these disciples were slow to believe the truth (**Luke 24:25**).

B. Jesus promised that they would be guided into “all truth” (**I John 2:20** and **I John 2:27**).

1. With the word of God looking to be fully revealed, they’d be fully equipped unto all good works (**II Timothy 3:16-17**).

2. The Spirit revealed that which was from Christ (**John 14:26**).

3. In fact, all things of Christ are of the Father (**Luke 10:22**).

C. Jesus told them He was going to leave in “a little while” (**John 7:33**, **John 12:35**, **John 13:33**, and **John 14:19**).

1. In fact, as we started this study discussing, it was NOW time for Him to go (**John 16:5**).

2. He was with them telling them that He would be gone, come back, and gone again...

a. He had to die (**Matthew 20:18**).

b. He had to be resurrected (**Matthew 26:32**).

c. He then had to go to the Father (**John 20:17**).