

"I Am the Resurrection and the Life"

The Gospel of John

John 16:16–33

Read John 16:16–22.

1. Jesus sees that his disciples are perplexed.
 - a. What do we know that they do not yet understand (vv. 16–17)? (Mt. 16:21; Jn. 16:28)
 - b. What emotions are the disciples about to experience? (vv. 20, 22)
 - c. How is giving birth a fitting illustration for what Jesus' disciples are about to experience? (v. 21)
2. As the disciples are grieving over Jesus' death, how will the world respond? (v. 20)

Read John 16:23–28.

3. A time is coming when Jesus will no longer be with them bodily.
 - a. “In that day,” to whom will they be able to pray directly? (vv. 23, 26)
 - b. How will the Father respond? (vv. 23b, 24)
 - c. What do you think it means to pray in the name of Jesus (vv. 23–24, 26)?
4. What does Jesus say to give his disciples the confidence to pray in this way? (v. 27)

5. In what ways, if any, will you think or pray differently after studying these verses about prayer?
6. Are you hesitant to address your prayers to God the Father? Take a moment to reconsider the love God has for you. (Rom. 8:38–39; I Jn. 3:1; 4:9–10)

Read John 16:29–33.

7. What do the disciples affirm about Jesus in verse 30?
8. A better translation of verse 31 is, “Do you now believe?” Why is Jesus questioning the strength of their faith? (v. 32)
9. Even though he knows his disciples will abandon him, why will Jesus not be alone? (v. 32)
10. Jesus is concluding his conversation with his disciples in the upper room (Jn. 14–16).
 - a. Why has he told them all these things? (v. 33a)
 - b. What else will they experience? (v. 33b)
 - c. What declaration does he use to reassure them? (v. 33c)
11. Think about a trial you are facing. How are you encouraged by what Jesus declares?