

A Little While & You Won't See Me; A Little While & You'll See Me (Jn 16:16–33)

Jaunting through John (Message 43)

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INTRODUCTION

NEW EXPOSITION

(16:16) Soon (after His crucifixion) the 11 would not see Jesus, but soon afterwards (when He arose) they would see Him, because (He would w/ them) in going to the Father (at His ascension)

(16:17–18) Some of the 11 puzzled over what He meant in saying that soon they would not see Him and then soon they would see Him; but they could make no sense of it

(16:19) Jesus knew they wanted to ask Him what He meant, so He asked them if they puzzled over His statement that soon they would not see Him and then soon they would see Him

(16:20) He said that [when they would not see Him] they would weep in sorrow, but the world would be glad, but [when He reappeared] their sorrow would change to joy

(16:21) He compares their coming anguish to the intensity of labor pains that quickly change to joy, when the child is born

(16:22–23a) He says their sorrow [at His (impending) departure] will change to unshakeable joy, when they see Him again, so they will not then ask Him [but will ask the Father in His name]

(16:24b–25) The Father will give them what they ask for in Christ’s name to fulfill their joy (something that is new to them)

(16:25) Jesus acknowledges that He has veiled His meaning, but will soon speak plainly about the Father

(16:26) Then they will pray to the Father (directly) in Christ’s name, rather than praying for Christ to ask the Father

(16:27–28) They will [be allowed to] pray to the Father in Christ’s name, because the Father loves them for believing in & loving Christ (who came from the Father & is returning to Him)

(16:29–30) The disciples thanked Jesus for speaking plainly enough that questions were not necessary & demonstrating that He is from God

(16: 31–32) Jesus acknowledges that they believe Him, but they will soon scatter, leaving the Shepherd alone—though He will not really be alone, because the Father will remain with Him

(16:33) Jesus told them these things so they may have peace (despite tribulation from the world); they are to believe Him: He has conquered the world

CONCLUSION

The eleven puzzled over Jesus saying they soon would not see Him & soon would see Him; He added that the world would rejoice at His departure, but they would grieve; but suddenly He would return & they would have unshakeable joy; they would soon pray the Father in His name, but meanwhile they would scatter & leave the shepherd alone; but they are to believe Him: He has conquered the world

Summary

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| Lazarus' death: 10:40–11:16: Rec'd word that Laz sick; said illness not to death, but will glorify God; when (2 days later) He planned to go to Laz, 12 said Judeans seek death; said still is day (time to live) & He needs to wake Laz & it is good He was not there, so they would believe |
| Resurrection & Life: 11:17–37: JC came 4 days after Lazarus' burial; many mourners present; Martha hurried to meet Him; Mary stayed home; Martha said JC would have stopped Lazarus' death, if He were there; God answers His prayers; He said Lazarus will rise; she agreed; He said that He is resurrector & grantor of EL; asked if she believed; she affirmed this, because she believes He is Christ, God's Son, whom [God sent] to earth; she said that JC wants to see her, Mary went quickly to Him; some said she went to tomb & followed; Mary worshipped Jesus & said He would have stopped Lazarus' death, if He were there; crying of Mary & others moved JC w/ empathy, so He asked where they put Lazarus; they said <i>Come & see</i> ; JC also wept, so some said He greatly loved Lazarus; others asked why He let Lazarus die (since He healed blind man) |
| Raising Lazarus: 11:38–57: Said <i>Open Tomb</i> ; Martha spoke of stench; reminds re God's glory, if she believed He'd raise Laz; tomb opened; thanks God He always hears Him (saying this) so they might believe God sent Him; told Laz, <i>Come out</i> ; did so bound; said <i>free him</i> ; many believe; some told Phars (who try) to stop Him, lest Rome take their position & nation; Caiaphas urged His death for nation (prophecy His death giving Jewish bels life/gather in one flock); rulers want His death; went to Ephraim; feast's earlybirds said He'd avoid feast, because APB |
| Anointing & Entry: 12:1–19: At Bethany a meal was fixed for Jesus, Lazarus & others; Martha served; when Mary anointed His feet, Judas feigned concern for the poor & scolded her, but Jesus defended her; pilgrims came to Jesus & Lazarus because He raised him; officials sought Lazarus' death also, He rode donkey to Jerusalem, throngs hearing Lazarus was raised laid palm fronds before Him, leaders sought His death. |
| Helenized (Jews) at Passover 12:20–26: some asked to meet Jesus; He told Philip & Andrew that the hour of His glorification had come: One seed dies in earth that many seeds may sprout to life; loving the mortal life has detrimental effects on the immortal life; hating the mortal life enhances the immortal life; the Father will glorify servants who follow Jesus (where He goes) |
| Who Believes Rept? 12:27–43: Didn't ask to avoid cross, because came to die; asks for God's glory (God said He did so/will do so); voice was to benefit them; judging world involves Satan's defeat, cross to draw people to JC; object that Christ has EL; He said believe & be enlightened/regenerate before He leaves; He left; disbelief tho seeing signs fulfills Isa 53 & Isa 6, but many rulers believe & fear exclusion |
| His Command is EL: 12:44–50: Believing in JC logically entails believing in GF, who sent Him; seeing GF logically entails seeing JC, the Light of the world who enlightens bels; His words (from GF commanding EL) is what will judge unbels |
| Washing the Disciples' Feet: 13:1–20: JC (who knew He would soon leave) loved His own, when Passover was served, after the devil led Judas to betray Him, He began washing the 12's feet, but Pet objected; JC said refusal would disqualify him from a portion (inheritance) w/ JC; Pet offered also his hands & head; JC said bathed persons (the 11) only need footwashing, because he is already clean; JC asked if they understood; He, their Teacher and Lord, became their servant (washing feet) so they would serve one another; they are not greater than their master, so the 11 will be blessed if (knowing these things) they serve each other; He did not say this about Judas, whom Scripture said ate w/ JC & would rebel; the prediction was so the 11 would believe; the one who receives them actually receives Him and the one who receives Jesus actually receives the Father who sent Him |
| Predicting Betrayal & Denial: 13:21–38: JC's words about one of them being His betrayer puzzled them, John asked JC the betrayer's identity; JC said it was the one He would give bread & bitter herbs; Satan entered Judas when he received it; JC said to do things most quickly (the 11 thought Jesus sent him on an errand); Judas left; JC said both Father & Son are glorified; He will be with 11 briefly, so they won't find Him & can't (yet) follow Him to death; JC commanded them to love one another as He loved them; showing they were His disciples; Peter asked JC where He was going; Jesus said he can't now follow Him; Peter pledged to die for JC; He said Peter would deny Him thrice before cock crows |
| Another Comforter: 14:1–18: Rather than being distressed, they are to believe in both the Father & in JC to prepare a place so He can come back so they always will be w/ Him; JC said they knew His destination & the <u>Way</u> ; Thomas said they knew neither, but JC is <u>Way</u> (to Father), Truth & life, so all who come to Father come thru JC; knowing JC involves knowing the Father, so they will know the Father, because they have seen Him, but Philip asked to see Father; JC said that (after 3½ years) Philip should know the Father, because he saw JC; they should believe that JC & Father are in each other, so He only speaks w/ authority of indwelling Father; JC's works should convince them of this; the 11 who do (in fact) believe in Him will do greater works than JC, because [the HS will come] after JC leaves; He will do whatever the 11 ask in His Name, to glorify Father; they will love JC by keeping His commands; He will ask the Father to send another Advocate who will stay w/ them forever, but only bels can receive Him & the 11 know Him & He will stay w/ them & be in them, so JC is not orphaning them, but will return to them |
| Peace I Give: John 14:19–31: Soon the world will not see Christ, but the 11 will & they live, because He lives; then, they will know that Christ is in the Father, they are in Him, & He is in them; one who obeys Christ's commandments loves Him; Christ & the Father will (in turn) love him & Christ will reveal Himself to him; Judas of James asked how He would reveal Himself to them, but not to the world; Jesus said that He and the Father will love and will abide with those who keep His word, that came from the Father; Jesus said that, although He is telling them these things while He is with them, the Advocate, the HS, whom the Father will send in Christ's name is the one who will actually teach them these things; Christ grants them peace (not as a wish), which is how the world tries to give peace, but He will actually give them peace that will settle their hearts against distress and intimidation; He said that He has told them that He is going away and will return to them; if they loved Him (were focused on what is best for Him) they would rejoice that He is going to the Father (who has authority over Christ); Jesus has told them this, so they may believe, when it happens, but He will not speak very much more to them, because ruler of this world (Satan) is coming (to try to defeat Christ), but he has no power over Christ, but (rather) Christ (will die) so the world will know that He loves and obeys the Father; [Having spoken this] it is time for them to leave the upper room [and to walk to the Garden of Gethsemane] |
| The Vine: John 15:1–8: He likens Himself to a grapevine & the Father to the vinedresser, who props up unproducing branches & nips suckers to make bearing branches more productive; His word cleansed the 11 (as fruitbearing branches) of what hinders fruitfulness (so they can bear fruit); abiding in Him & He in them is essential to bear fruit, just as a branch can only bear fruit thru its connection to the vine; if they did not abide in Him, they will have no role in bearing fruit for Him, but would face severe discipline & lose reward; if they abide in Him & His words abide in them, He will answer their prayers (making them fruitful); producing much fruit glorifies the Father (the vinedresser), thus, the 11 will follow Jesus as disciples (in obedience to the Father) |
| No Greater Love: 15:1–17: He loves the 11 as the Father loves Him, so they are to abide in Christ's love, by keeping His commands, just as He abided in GF's love by keeping His commands, which He told them so they would abide completely in His joy; He commands them to love one another as He loved them, even lay down one's life for His/his friends (they are His friends, if they do whatever He commands); they are no longer slaves, but He has told them everything His Father has told Him; they did not choose Him, but He chose & appointed them so they would go out & produce much enduring fruit & the Father would answer their prayers; He commands them to love one another |
| No Greater Hatred: 15:18–16:4: World hated Him 1 st , but hates them because they don't belong to world; slave isn't greater than master, so world will also persecute them & won't keep their word; but ignorant-of-God world will persecute them because of JC; His works convict them of sin, but world hates both JC & Father (fulfilling prophecy of being hated w/o cause); HS & they will testify re: JC; He said this tp prevent stumbling; they would be banned from synagogues & killed; which He said, so they would remember, but didn't say this til His time to leave |
| HS Convicts: 16:5–15: They don't ask His destination; tho they are sad, His going will benefit them because Advocate won't come unless He goes; He'll convict world of sin [in opposing JC], because they disbelieve Him; He'll convict world of [JC's] +R, because He goes to Father; He'll convict world of judgment, because its ruler is judged; He has much to say that they can't yet bear, but HS will guide them into all the truth, because He will say what God says & glorify JC by telling them what belongs to the Son. |