

Episode #2-10 – John 16 Part 1 – When the Time Comes

I. The purpose of the gospel of John is to produce believers in the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the One anointed by God to be the Savior of the world, and that Jesus is the Son of God, God represented in human form.

II. We continue to consider events leading up to the Lord's death. In John 16, the Lord continues His teaching to His disciples as they travel from the upper room where they had the last supper to the garden of Gethsemane. He reveals truth to them about what will happen after He has left them, and then more truth about the Comforter or Paraclete He is going to send: the Holy Spirit.

II. John 16:1-6. The time to come.

- A. V.1. There is no break between Jn.15 and 16. They should not be trapped/ scandalized by what is about to happen to Him. We need to know the Word for some reason!
- B. V.2. Being put out of the synagogue was a terrible thing in their culture. He is arming them in advance by warning them of these things.
- C. V.3. How can men do terrible things in the name of God?
 - 1. Men assume their religious leaders know God. This is not always true!
 - 2. When one has no relationship with the true God, he makes up God the way he wants Him to be in his own head to meet his selfish desires.
 - 3. Only by being in the Word can one learn the way God really is.
- D. V.4. "Forewarned is forearmed." They will not be surprised when this comes. He did not tell them this from the beginning (of His ministry) because He was there to protect them. Matthew was a tax collector before following the Lord. There was supposed to be no way back into the community for him, yet there he was, with the Lord! They had no fear of being cut off from the community as long as He was there.
- E. V.5. He would no longer be around to protect them. None of them asked where He was going, because they did not understand **why** He was going.
- F. V.6. They felt abandoned. Their hearts were full of sorrow.

III. John 16:7-15. The Helper Part 3: His coming and its results.

- A. V.7. The Lord always tells the truth, so this preface is for great emphasis.
 - 1. Psalm 7:7-8. They did this to Him at the cross. Congregation = Hebrew '*edah*, an assemblage of people. It was to their advantage that He return on high. He shall judge the people. This is a good thing! Why must He return on high?
 - 2. The advantage is the Helper (Paraclete) will come after He leaves. The Lord could only be in one place at a time, and close to only certain men. He had twelve special disciples, three special among these.
 - 3. What if the Lord had been on earth during Acts? Tens of thousands believed throughout Israel and the Roman Empire. The Lord could not personally have been with them all. But the Holy Spirit could be!

V. Conclusion: The Lord warned His disciples about persecution to come after He left, and would no longer be there to protect them. However, He reminded them again that He was sending the Helper to them, Who would be with them during persecution. Praise God that when we face the hard situations of life God is with us through His Holy Spirit as well!