

Walking In The Way Of Jesus; John 16
A study to consider the impact of Easter

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John 16:1-33 ESV

"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³ And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ 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 go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁶ "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, "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 am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸ So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?" ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. ²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but 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 will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from

God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹ His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

For those of you that have not been following along with us the past several weeks, we are considering the reality of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

John 14:6 NIV *Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

Early Christ followers were referred to as “The Way” or “Being In The Way” as a term of being a disciple of Jesus of Nazareth.

Paul stated in his trial before Felix recorded in Acts 24:14 ESV *But this I confess to you, that according to **the Way**, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets,*

It is important for us to consider the use of the phrase, “the way” during the days of Jesus’ ministry as well as the days of the early church as recorded in the book of Acts.

It was a phrase that was built around following and discipleship. It had everything to do with lifestyle not just intellectual attainment.

It was customary for men in Hebrew culture to follow a rabbi or teacher. Men and women followed Jesus in the same manner. They were following as disciples or apprentices.

We really like the imagery of an apprenticeship program.

Think of following Jesus as an apprenticeship. We want to learn the system of the heavenly kingdom as practitioners with on the job training accompanied by some classroom work and reading.

Just think of all the ways, avenues, or roads that we can walk in life. Usually someone is teaching another how to participate or be a practitioner of something wrong, evil, or destructive. Sad that we don’t realize the natural path of the apprenticeship of sin. So often, it is someone or a group of people practicing a lifestyle of something harmful or bad that creates a negative addiction.

Jesus offers us a new path of learning and freedom. His way.....we can learn to walk in His way.

The apprenticeship of salvation and service through Jesus that creates a positive addiction.

Let's jump into chapter 16 today. (We want to encourage you to read John 16 with us this week) I want to skip the chapter break from chapter 15 to 16 so we can read it like this.....

26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. 1 “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. 2 They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. 3 And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4 But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

A change is coming and when it happens, I want you to remember what I have said to prepare you.

General concepts mentioned by Jesus in chapter 16:

- Sorrow
- Confusion
- Misunderstanding
- Life altering change
- Joy
- Asking/Receiving
- Figurative vs Direct Communication
- Belief

Two big ideas for today:

The ministry of the Holy Spirit as outlined by our Lord Jesus.

He is a person of the God family. Our human theological term is “Trinity”.

Jesus says that He must depart for the Holy Spirit to arrive and begin His ministry.

He, The Helper/Counselor, is sent by our Lord Jesus.

It is to our advantage that The Holy Spirit comes.

The Holy Spirit's work is conviction.....for the world

- Conviction concerning sin
- Conviction concerning righteousness
- Conviction concerning judgment

Verses 9-11 explain each part of conviction

Conviction is not our job but rather the job of the Holy Spirit.

16:13-15 ***13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.***

(re-read slowly) Consider the relationship component shared here by Yeshua.
Just consider the connectivity and work of Jesus and Holy Spirit.

John 1:14-16 and Psalm 119:105

Lamp and Compass are for the path directly in front of you.

John 16:12 *“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.*

God deals with us in the right here and right now of where we are at this present time.
We are not able to take certain truths until we are ready to receive them at a point in maturity.
God deals with us based on where we are in our own spiritual growth.

We are not all at the same place at the same time in our walk with God.

If we are following Yeshua in our spiritual apprenticeship program then we are all.....

- Learning what faith feels and looks like in our lives
- Learning to deal with our sinful self and habits
- Learning by trial and error as we have the freedom to make mistakes
- Learning how the ways of Jesus fits our lives
- Learning how to love Jesus and others

How does this truth apply to you today?

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