

Lessons from John

Lesson 16: *The Coming Persecution* John 16 (8 Apr 27AD)

Persecution is coming

John 16:1 “All this I have told you **so that you will not fall away**. 2 They will **put you out of the synagogue**; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who **kills** you will think they are offering a service to God. 3 They will do such things because they have **not known the Father or me**. 4 I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will **remember** that I warned you about them. **I did not tell you this from the beginning** because I was with you, 5 but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, **‘Where are you going?’** 6 Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. 7 But very truly I tell you, **it is for your good that I am going away**. Unless I go away, the **Advocate will not come to you**; but if I go, I will send him to you.

Numbers 25:13 He and his descendants will have a covenant of a lasting priesthood, because he was zealous for the honor of his God and made atonement for the Israelites.”

8 When he comes, he will **prove the world to be in the wrong** about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because people do not **believe** in me; 10 about **righteousness**, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and about **judgment**, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

John 12:31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

12 “I have much more to say to you, **more than you can now bear**. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, **comes**, he will guide you into all the **truth**. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you **what is yet to come**. 14 He will glorify me because it is **from me** that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is **mine**. That is why I said the Spirit will receive **from me** what he will make known to you.”

16 Jesus went on to say, “In a **little while** you will see me no more, and then after a **little while** you will see me.”

17 At this, **some of his disciples** said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father?’” 18 They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We **don’t understand** what he is saying.”

19 Jesus **saw that they wanted to ask him** about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a **little while** you will see me’? 20 Very truly I tell you, you will **weep and mourn** while the **world rejoices**. You will grieve, but your grief will **turn to joy**. 21 A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but **when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy** that a child is born into the world. 22 So with you: Now is your time of grief, but **I will see you again** and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your **joy**. 23 In that day you will **no longer ask me anything**. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you **whatever** you ask in my name. 24 Until now you have **not asked for anything in my name**. **Ask and you will receive**, and your joy will be complete.

25 “Though I have been speaking **figuratively**, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you **plainly** about my Father. 26 In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will **ask** the Father on your behalf. 27 No, 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 entered the world; now I am **leaving** the world and going back to the Father.”

29 Then Jesus’ disciples said, “Now you are speaking **clearly** and without figures of speech. 30 Now we can see that you **know** all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you **questions**. This makes us **believe** that you came from God.”

31 **“Do you now believe?”** Jesus replied. 32 “A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be **scattered**,

Zechariah 13:7 “Awake, sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!” declares the LORD Almighty. “Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones.

each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet **I am not alone, for my Father is with me.**

Psalms 22:1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? ... 24 For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.)

33 “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have **peace**. In this world you will have **trouble**. But **take heart!** I have **overcome** the world.”

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. x2

16:23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. 15:7

14:15 If ye love me keep my commandments. ... 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. ... 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. 15:7

