

JOHN 16 vs 17

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Leaving the Mount of Olives, the night He was betrayed... suddenly the students are animated... we read:

17 Then some of His disciples said among themselves, 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 go to the Father.”

18 And so they said, What is this that He is saying?

“A little while”... we cannot tell what He says / and it's like the whole elementary class of students... was stumped over the math problem! What's He talking about? As they walked from one location to the next, they caucus in small groups whispering, arguing... trying to understand His words!

19 Now Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him / but He also knew, they had no power to carry what He wanted to tell them; yet He was their good Shepherd safely guiding their steps,

and said to them,

Are you deliberating among yourselves about what I said, A little while, and you will not see Me: and again, a little while, and you will see Me?

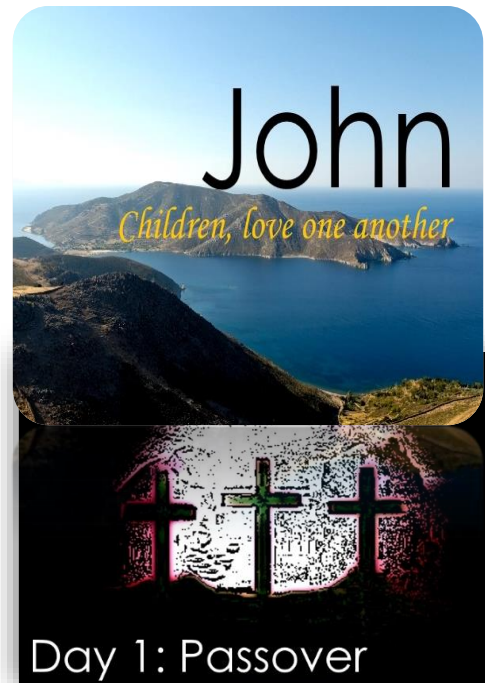
20 Amen! Amen! / you can count on what I am going to say. And suddenly, perhaps from their vantage point on the Mount of Olives, Jesus saw in the distance... the torches of a midnight mob, coming through the Eastern Gate, descending the Kidron Valley; and did they hear a change in His voice?

I say to you, That you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, yet your sorrow will turn to joy / evidence that the world is mixed up; Paul also says what Jesus says, God's people: rejoice with those who rejoice; and weep with those who weep:

21 When a woman is in travail, she has sorrow, because her hour has come: but as soon as she has delivered the child, she remembers the anguish no more, for joy that a child is born into the world.

22 And so now, you have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one takes from you.

23 And in that day you will ask Me nothing / these words are so serious, that it is almost funny! In 3 days, these rugged students are going to be speechless; they are not going to know what to say!



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Amen! Amen! I say to you,

Whatever you will ask the Father... in My name / whatever you ask the Father, representing Jesus! Do you need more love? Do you need more patience? Do you need more compassion? Ask Him,

He will give it to you.

²⁴ Until now, you have asked nothing in My name / representing Me!

ask, and you will receive / you will reach and take, and welcome. Jesus says this 8 times this night; Jesus said: he who receives whomever I send receives Me; the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him; the Spirit will receive of mine, and show it to you. He also said: I gave them the words You gave Me, and they received them. When He arose He said, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes.

ask, and you will receive that your joy is full / ask Him! You are representing Me!

²⁵ These things I spoke to you in proverbs, but the time has come, when I will no longer speak to you in proverbs / like a good first-grade teacher; using familiar earthy, childlike stories; elementary school lessons... that contain eternal truths,

but I will tell you directly... of the Father.

²⁶ At that day you will ask in My name / representing Me: and I do not say to you, that I will request the Father for you / that I will make inquiry to our Father... on your behalf:

²⁷ For the Father himself loves you, because you loved Me, and believed that I came from God.

²⁸ I came from the Father, and have come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

²⁹ His disciples said to Him, mark this, now you speak plainly and speak no proverb / and did we hear that? His disciples, those doing the math said, Jesus, now You are speaking plainly, directly, bluntly, boldly; there is no uncertainty, no ambiguity; we understand.

³⁰ Now we are sure that You know all things, and do not need anyone to interrogate You / nobody needs to demand an answer of You:

by this we believe that You came from God.

³¹ Jesus answered them,

Do you now believe?

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³² Pay attention, the hour comes, indeed, it has come,

that you will be scattered, everyone to his own home / prophet Isaiah said, [like sheep gone astray, going their own way; or worse... like men who hid their faces from Him,](#)

and will leave Me alone: yet I am **not** alone, because the Father is with Me.

For a 3rd time... this night He was betrayed, Jesus said...

 ³³ These things I spoke to you, that in Me you have **peace**. In the world you will have tribulation / all of you will have pressures and poundings; and troubles and burdens:

but be courageous; I have overcome the world.

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