

# ***John 16:16-33***

Keepin' It Real about Reality: The Reality of the Resurrection  
of Jesus Christ Revolutionizes Everything about Reality

## **The Upper Room Discourse: What Jesus Teaches About True Biblical Spirituality**

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A little while, and you will no longer see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me. <sup>17</sup> *Some* of His disciples then said to one another, what is this thing He is telling us, a little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me; and, I am going to the Father? <sup>18</sup> So they were saying, what is this that He says, a little while? We do not know what He is talking about. <sup>19</sup> Jesus knew they wished to question Him, and He said to them, are you deliberating together about this, that I said a little while, and you will not see Me, and a little while, and you will see Me?

Death is NOT extinction but separation: physical death is not simply the ending of physical/medical functions, it is the exiting of our soul/spirit.

Seeing the resurrected Christ...totally changed the Apostles-and they didn't "see it coming!?" NT believers including you and me today rightly see the resurrected Christ as the very foundation of our saving faith...and His presence in our lives confirms this day by day if/as we abide in Him

Christ's Death (SAS) + 3 Days = LBS-Resurrection + 40 Days Ascension  
AND the Ascension is a Pointer to/Proof of the Future Advent of Christ

## Believers Can Have (EOTH) Peace in the Crises of Life If We Rest in the Reality (and the Implications) of the Resurrection of Christ v20-33

Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy. <sup>21</sup> Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one *will* take your joy away from you. <sup>23</sup>

In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full. V20-24

His arrest/torture and death...

...will cause them great grief

His resurrection...

...will cause them joy based on a new POV on life/death

Joy and Peace Overlap; Joy > Happiness

The risen Christ is NOT limited in His ability to answer our prayers in life or in death: THUS we should pray in His name/seeking His will and EXPECTING that He WILL answer our prayers...according to (and as a function of) HIS will

These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but will tell you plainly of the Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will request of the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup> for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father. <sup>28</sup> I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again and going to the Father. <sup>29</sup> His disciples said, lo, now You are speaking plainly and are not using a figure of speech. <sup>30</sup> Now we know that You know all things, and have no need for anyone to question You; by this we believe that You came from God." <sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, do you now believe? <sup>32</sup> Behold, an hour is coming, and has *already* come, for you to be scattered, each to his own *home*, and to leave Me alone; and *yet* I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. <sup>33</sup> These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world. 16:25-33

Being alone but not alone...

...can be painful/difficult but it does not have to totally immobilize us

In the world, believers will have tribulation (thipsis = pressure/problems)...

...one Bible promise very few "claim" today

## **Take This Home**

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The Reality of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ  
Revolutionizes Everything about Reality  
for Everybody (Whether They Believe It or Not)