

The Resurrection and Its Effects Foretold



John 16:16-33

- In this section, John 16:16-33 concludes the Upper Room Discourse and deals primarily with the emotions of the disciples.
- One of the recurring themes in this section is joy (John 16:20, 22, 24, 33).
- The principle is simply this: God brings joy to our lives, not by substitution, but by transformation.
- This is one of the great passages on the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and it is one of the most glorious passages in all of Scripture.

1. The resurrection perplexes people (v. 16-19).

- The prediction puzzled the disciples, and they began to ask among themselves what Jesus meant (v. 18).
- The resurrection does puzzle and perplex people; it always has and always will.

2. The resurrection brings irrepressible joy (v. 20-22).

- A. Jesus said there was to be grief at first (Psa. 42:6; 69:2; 73:2; 73:16; Isa. 49:14).
- B. After grief there was to be irrepressible joy.
- C. Jesus gave a good illustration for the violent contrast between the sorrow over death and the joy of the resurrection.
- D. The resurrection brings irrepressible joy just as a newborn baby brings joy to a woman in pain.
 - The resurrection and presence of Jesus Himself brings great joy.
 - The believer's joy of really knowing the resurrection of Jesus Christ cannot be taken away by any man.

3. The resurrection gives open access into God's presence (v. 23-24).

- A. The glorious promise: an open door into God's presence, Jesus said "in that day," after His resurrection, there will be no need to ask Him anything.
- B. The institution of prayer – of our approach to God, of our communion with Him – in Jesus' name.

4. The resurrection reveals all about the Father (v. 25-27).
 - A. Jesus said that the resurrection would show (declare) the Father plainly.
 - B. It shows that the approach to God – prayer – is in the name of Jesus.
 - C. It shows that the Father Himself loves the believer.

5. The resurrection validates and proves Jesus' claim to be the Messiah (v. 18).
 - A. "I came from the Father and entered the world" (John 7:29; 8:42; 10:36; 17:21).
 - B. "I am leaving this world and going back to the Father" (John 14:28, 16:16; 17:11).

6. The resurrection exposes weak faith (v. 29-32).
 - A. Jesus was never alone, even when men did not stand with Him.
 - B. Jesus was forgiving (Rom. 4:25; 10:9-10).
 - C. Jesus knew all (John 15:16; 1 Tim. 1:12).

7. The resurrection makes available true peace, triumphant peace (v. 33).
 - The peace of Jesus Christ – that peace that is in Him – is lasting.
 - The peace of God comes only through the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:24; 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Eph. 1:19-20; 1 Th. 4:13-14; 1 Pet. 1:3-4).