

A CRUCIAL CONVERSATION

John 16:16-33

CONCERNING PRESENT SORROW AND FUTURE JOY

16:16-24

The disciples struggled to understand Jesus' explanation of what was to come.

While the disciples will soon experience great grief, Jesus gives them hope of future joy.

A new relationship with the Father will give those who believe permanent joy.

Because Jesus knows our grief, we can _____ Him to meet our deepest needs.

Because Jesus is the source of all joy, we can _____ Him to give us joy in the midst of sorrow.

CONCERNING BELIEF AND SPIRITUAL FAILURE

16:25-33

Jesus gives clarity to His mission from incarnation to ascension.

Finally the disciples believed they would approach God _____ through prayer.

In the midst of spiritual failure, Jesus comforts with truth.

The disciples could rest in the peace from God because He will overcome the world.

_____ *Jesus has finished His work on the cross so we can have a relationship with God.*

_____ *tightly to Jesus' words! They are our source of comfort and strength.*

_____ *because God transforms our sorrow to joy.*

JOHN 16:12

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.”

JOHN 14:27-29

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.”

LUKE 24:39-41

“See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”

LUKE 24:51-52

While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy...

ZECHARIAH 13:7

“Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands next to me,” declares the Lord of hosts. Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered...”

MATTHEW 26:31

Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’”

ROMANS 8:35,37

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.