

# “John 16”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I discussed John 16. Following are some of the scriptures that were discussed.

## **Warning in advance**

- John 16:1—The Son of God gave them information, so that they would not stumble.
- John 16:2—He mentioned two serious situations awaiting them (being put out of the synagogue and being killed) in the name of serving God.

Notice how Matthew, Mark and Luke described what was going to happen to the Son of God.

- Matthew 16:21—The Son of God informed the disciples that He would suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and scribes—before His death and resurrection.
- Mark 10:33-34—The Son of God informed the disciples that He would be betrayed to the chief priests and scribes, condemned to death and delivered to the Gentiles—to be mocked, scourged and spat (before His death and resurrection).
- Luke 9:21-22—The Son of God told His disciples not to prematurely tell anyone what was going to happen to Him—rejected by the elders, chief priests and scribes (before His death and resurrection).

## **Disciples were sad**

- John 16:5-6—As the Son of God told them about the next coming days, sorrow filled their heart.

## **Comforter pronoun**

- John 16:7—The Son of God mentioned the “Comforter” with the various personal pronouns.

(In recent articles, I mentioned that personal pronouns are also used in John 14:16, John 14:26 and John 15:26. I apologize for not mentioning John 16:8 and John 16:13-15.)

There are many examples of the “personification” of the Spirit.

My favorite examples are found when the Son of God said that the Spirit “speaks” to the seven congregations in Revelation 2 and 3.

### **Power from God**

Notice verses about power from God.

- Acts 2:33—The Father promised the Holy Spirit, and He poured it out.
- 2 Corinthians 1:21-22—God sealed disciples by giving the Spirit in their hearts.
- Ephesians 1:13-14—God sealed disciples with the Holy Spirit of promise.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:8—People reject God, who has given His Holy Spirit.
- 2 Timothy 1:6-7—God has given a spirit of power, love and a sound mind.

### **Various reminders**

- John 16:7-9—The Son of God reminded His disciples that God will judge the world of sin, righteousness and judgment.
- John 16:16-19—The Son of God reminded His disciples that He was going to His Father.
- John 16:20-22—The Son of God used the example of childbirth to remind His disciples that sorrow often precedes rejoicing.

Whatever you ask?

- John 16:23-24—“Whatever you ask the Father” and He will give you.
- James 4:2-3—Some people don’t receive because they don’t ask, and other people don’t receive because they “ask amiss.”

### **Plain language**

- John 16:25-30—When the Son of God told them plainly about the Father, they believed that He came from God.
- John 16:31-32—The Son of God told them that they would scatter and leave Him alone—but the Father would be with Him.
- John 16:33—The Son of God wanted them to have peace in the face of tribulation—reminding them that He overcame the world.