

But... What Does All of this Mean?

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BRAVE HEARTED

Jesus, I understand the words you're saying. **But, what exactly does it all mean?**

¹⁶ "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me."¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, "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 am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸ So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." John 16:16-18

Before We Get to the Answer: The Jesus Way in Miniature

¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, John 16:19

1. You Will Have Deep _____.

²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. John 16:20-22

BRAVE-HEARTED READING QUIZ

Did you read this morning's passage before you came? Try your hand at this one-question quiz (answer on the back).

In John 16:16-22, Jesus notices that his disciples are confused by what Jesus has been saying about how they will see him again after "a little while." How does he respond?

- A. Gently chides them for being "slow of heart to believe."
- B. Waits to answer until they have the courage to ask him for clarification.
- C. Reminds them that the Helper will guide them "into all the truth."
- D. Answers their questions before they voice them to him.

Read John 16:23-33 for next week (be ready for another close-reading quiz!).

2. But... All of that Sorrow Will Turn to _____.

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Life Between the “Little Whiles”

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For Disciples	For Us
Little while 1: Jesus’ Death	Little While 1: Jesus’ Death, Resurrection, and Ascension
Little While 2: Jesus’ Resurrection	Little While 2: Jesus’ Ultimate Return

In the meantime, we have **THE HELPER**:

¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, [...] ²⁰ **that times of refreshing** may come from the presence of the Lord, Act 3: 19-20

1. Pray for times of Refreshing

2. Come to The Table ... expecting Refreshing

MY TAKEAWAY