

Return to the Father

Introduction

In John 16vs5-33 Jesus' continues to teach His disciples about His imminent return to His Father and the benefit which they will derive from this return. Because of it they will receive the Spirit who will in turn convict the world, lead the disciples into all truth, and make the Father and the Son real to the disciples in a new and powerful way. While Jesus departure and especially the means of that departure via death on the cross will cause real grief for His disciples, their grief will turn to joy as they see Him raised from the dead and as they experience a new and living relationship with the Father in Jesus' name. They begin at last to grasp Jesus' words and yet they will still stumble and fall in a world full of trouble! Jesus has overcome the world however, and in that the disciples can find courage.

Study Questions

These questions help you to see clearly what the text is saying. This is a vital first step towards understanding what the text means. The questions should be answered from the text itself.

Read John 16vs5-33. Answer the following questions:

1. How does Jesus describe the Father in John 16vs5?

2. Why is Jesus' going for the good of His disciples? (John 16vs7)

