

## JOHN 16:16-33 Study (NLT)

## “OVERCOME”

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MAIN POINT: Jesus had to leave his disciples to face the horror and suffering of the cross. But in so doing he took away sin, destroyed death, opened heaven to our prayers, and enabled the coming of the Holy Spirit -- our comforter, and counselor to fill our spirits.

• 16:16-18 GONE FOR A LITTLE WHILE. Jesus speaks to prepare the men and women who followed Him for the time when he goes to the cross and the grave. Jesus tells them that in a \_\_\_\_\_ while he will be \_\_\_\_\_ and they won't \_\_\_\_\_ him because he will go to the cross and die and be laid in a tomb. But after another \_\_\_\_\_ while --three days --they will see him again, when he is raised from the dead. There are some things just beyond our experience. No matter how much we are told about them, we will not understand until we have passed through the experience. Though Jesus had repeatedly told them about these things, the disciples wondered what he \_\_\_\_\_ by a little while and his going to the \_\_\_\_\_.

• 16:19-22 TEMPORARY LOSS but FUTURE JOY. When his enemies and the devil kill him, the \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ but the disciples will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. But it will be very temporary...they will see him again and their grief will be turned to wonderful \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus compares this to the \_\_\_\_\_ a woman has giving birth. That pain is quickly replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ when the child is born. Likewise, when the disciples see Jesus alive, they will have a \_\_\_\_\_ that cannot be taken from them because it will be a victory over death for all people forever. Those who believe in Jesus will pass from death to life while in this life and the Holy Spirit will convince them that it is so.

• 16:19 LITTLE WHILE. Troubled times will happen but always pass away. *"This is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever."* 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

• 16:22 ROB YOU -- TAKE AWAY. The word in the original Greek language means "to bear away, take away, carry off, remove, to take up." It is used of Jesus taking on our sins and taking them away. It is used of people removing negative attitudes and the devil taking away the message of Jesus -- like a bird picking up seeds on the ground.  
• Here Jesus said that what he is going to accomplish is going to put a smile on their face and a dancing in their heart that nothing in heaven can take away.

• 16: 23-28 OPEN HEAVEN - ANSWERED PRAYER. Under the Old Testament of law people were prevented from approaching God because the law only restrained sin -- it did not change people from sinners to saints. The sacrifices of animal blood were a prophecy of Christ's blood -- the separation between God and people remained. But the life's blood of Christ took away offenses. Jesus announces another benefit of his going away for a

little while. The disciples can go \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ without a need for some holy man or priest to carry the message. They haven't done this \_\_\_\_\_ but now they can \_\_\_\_\_ using Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ and they will \_\_\_\_\_ what they ask for and they will have \_\_\_\_\_ joy. Jesus tells them that it will not be necessary for him to ask the \_\_\_\_\_ on their \_\_\_\_\_. *"For the Father \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ because you love \_\_\_\_\_ and believe that I came \_\_\_\_\_ the Father into the \_\_\_\_\_ and I will leave the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father."*

• 16:29-32 THE PROCESS OF BELIEVING. Spiritual conversations and spiritual experiences happen in our lives. Billy Graham said that he thought it took 7 salvation steps before the average person stepped all the way across the line into God's country -- knew that they knew -- and had no desire to go back to the world. We see this in the disciples. They think they understand now -- that Jesus can tell them \_\_\_\_\_ and not need to use \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus challenges them. *"Do you \_\_\_\_\_ believe?"* The truth is that a \_\_\_\_\_ is coming when they will abandon him and be \_\_\_\_\_ -- leaving Jesus \_\_\_\_\_. However, he is not alone for the Father is \_\_\_\_\_ him.

• 16:24 ASK. Jesus invites us to ask, seek, and to knock. Ask would be better translated as asking continually. Jesus says, *"Ask and keep on asking, seek and keep on seeking, knock and keep on knocking."* Matthew 7:7-11 Jesus exhorts us to pray and not lose heart. Luke 18:1 How many Christians fail to receive answered prayers and the wonderful joy of answered prayers and experiencing the favor of the Father on their lives because they do not really pray--keep on praying--a continual fellowship of prayer.

• 16:24 MY NAME. The signed name on the bottom of a check means something to the bank which has money in a checking account in that name. Jesus has deposited forgiveness, righteousness, favor and access to His treasures in the bank of heaven. When we ask in Jesus' name, the Father gives us the things that are in His account.

• 16:33 PEACE IN THE MIDST OF TROUBLES. However, these discussions have prepared them to receive a \_\_\_\_\_ that only he can give, a peace in the midst of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. *"But take heart, because I have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_."*

• 16:33 TRIALS. The Greek word is THILIPSIS. It means "being under pressure." It is used of pressing olives and grapes to get the oil and juice. The butterfly struggling to squeeze out its cocoon is experiencing thilpsis. Without the struggle, the butterfly's wings would not be squeezed dry and the butterfly would not be able to fly. Likewise with us.

The pressures - the trials and sorrows of life -are useful for us. They squeeze out habits and attitudes and unhealthy appetites which are weighing us down and stop us from rising up on wings like eagles. The tribulations of life cause us to look over what is really worth living for. Some people become much better and God-loving people through their trials. *"But God's discipline is always right and good for us because it means we will share in his holiness. No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it is painful! But afterward there will be a quiet harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way."* Hebrews 12:1-11

• 16:33 OVERCOME. Jesus has overcome the powers that be in the world that threaten us and seek to harm us. We don't have to put up with them. We can speak to these mountains in Jesus' name and they will move. *"Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or are hungry or cold or in danger or threatened with death? No, despite all these things, OVERWHELMING VICTORY is ours through Christ, who loved us."* Romans 8:35-37

**What Does This Scripture Say To You?** \_\_\_\_\_