

GRIEF TRANSFORMED TO JOY
(John 16:16-24)

- I. The Lord's PREDICTION (John 16:16)
 - A. In "a little while" He would DIE and be BURIED
 - B. In another "little while" He would RISE from the GRAVE

- II. The Disciples' CONFUSION (John 16:17-18)
 - A. They asked each other if ANYONE knew what He meant
 - B. They were still CONFUSED about His going to the FATHER (cf. 16:10)
 - C. They concluded, "We DO NOT KNOW what He is talking about"

- III. The Analogous EXPLANATION (John 16:19-23a)
 - A. Jesus took the initiative to ANSWER the question they HADN'T asked
 - B. What is coming will provoke CONTRASTING RESPONSES
 - 1. "YOU will WEEP and LAMENT"
 - 2. "The WORLD will REJOICE"
 - 3. "Your GRIEF will be turned into JOY"
 - C. He explains with the analogy of CHILDBIRTH
 - 1. The PROCESS of delivery is extremely PAINFUL
 - 2. The RESULT of the delivery is JOY in the NEWBORN

- D. Jesus' RESURRECTION would give them LASTING JOY
- E. When they SEE their RISEN Lord, all of tonight's questions will have been ANSWERED

IV. The Father's PROVISION (John 16:23b-24)

A. The Father will give them ANYTHING they ask in JESUS' NAME

- 1. Indicates your WILL is in SUBMISSION to Christ's
- 2. Indicates your REQUEST is for the SAKE of Christ

B. The RESULT will be FULLNESS of JOY

- 1. Prayer is a demonstration of complete TRUST in and DEPENDENCE upon God
- 2. True and full JOY comes only through PRAYER