

Jesus makes it plain for them: and the disciples say:

²⁹“Now you are speaking plainly,” cried the disciples, “and are not using parables. ³⁰Now we know that everything is known to you—no more questions are needed. This makes us sure that you did come from God.”
John 16:29,30

In verse 31 I can hear Jesus saying: are you sure about this?

“So... you believe in me now?” replied Jesus. John 16:31

Shortly you will abandon me.

“The time is coming, indeed, it has already come, when you will be scattered, every one of you going home and leaving me alone.”
John 16:32

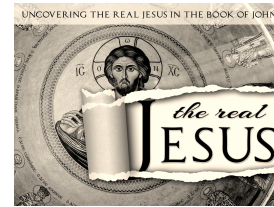
Despite your unfaithfulness my faithfulness will triumph.

I have told you all this so that you may find your peace in me. You will find trouble in the world—but, never lose heart, I have conquered the world!”
John 16:33

Nonetheless, as you mature in faith believing in Me, will grow into standing with Me amidst the troubles.

Community Group Questions:

1. How surprising is it to see the disciples so clueless about Jesus true mission?
2. What do you think changed the disciples into bold, and focused followers?
3. In what ways do others, who claim faith in Christ, remain clueless to Jesus call in their lives today?



Never Lose Heart
John 16:25-33

²⁵ “I have been speaking to you in parables—but the time is coming to give up parables and tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶When that time comes, you will make your requests to him in my own name, for I need make no promise to plead to the Father for you, ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

²⁸ Yes, I did come from the Father and I came into the world. Now I leave the world behind and return to the Father.” ²⁹“Now you are speaking plainly,” cried the disciples, “and are not using parables. ³⁰Now we know that everything is known to you—no more questions are needed. This makes us sure that you did come from God.”

³¹“So you believe in me now?” replied Jesus. ³²“The time is coming, indeed, it has already come, when you will be scattered, every one of you going home and leaving me alone. Yet I am not really alone for the Father is with me. ³³I have told you all this so that you may find your peace in me. You will find trouble in the world—but, never lose heart, I have conquered the world!”

**This is a bleak moment for the disciples. Jesus is leaving,
and it’s going to get far worse.**

They were very reluctant to believe He would die and leave, because they thought He was going to bring the kingdom to earth, and they had all of their future ambition tied to that.

Zechariah's prophecy after John the Baptist birth.

Now we will be saved from our enemies and from all who hate us. ...⁷⁴ We have been rescued from our enemies so we can serve God without fear, *Luke 1:71,74-75*

The nature of their hope was in conquering their enemies;
not reconciling their sin before God.

But at the cross – you remember what happened. ...when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. *Matthew 27:50,51*

the veil covering the Holy of Holies was ripped and exposed, God's saying, "Everybody has access to Me through my Son."

No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

So on the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit comes and God literally dwells in the temple of the person.

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, *1 Corinthians 6:19*

This is what Jesus is referencing here in John 16:26
you will make your requests to him in my own name, for I need make no promise to plead to the Father for you...John 16:26

What does that mean? In Christ, everyone will be able to go to God directly, personally.

Why are we given such a privilege? We're told in verse 27, ...*for the Father himself loves you, and why? because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. John 16:27*

The four doctrines of Verse 28

- "I came from the Father ..." vs.28a

That's the doctrine of his preexistence and thereby his deity.
He existed before he was born.

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created ... *Colossians 1:15*

- "I came into the world." vs. 28b

That's the doctrine of his incarnation.
He became a human being.

Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. *Philippians 2:6,7*

- "I am leaving the world ..." vs. 28c

That's the doctrine of his death,
He's about to voluntarily lay down his life.

No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. *John 10:18*

- "I am ... going back to the Father." vs. 28d

That's the doctrine of his heavenly intercession.
He's going to sit at the right hand of God and intercede for us.

(Jesus) is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. *Hebrews 7:25*