




***Jesus***

***Lesson #11 Last Instructions***

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# Review

- *If you attach yourself to Jesus and are not serving him you will be cut off.*
  - *If you attach yourself to Jesus and serve him you can expect to be cut back from time to time.*
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## Review

- ***People hurt because:***
  - ***of sin,***
  - ***of law of sowing and reaping,***
  - ***for the glory of God,***
  - ***and because they serve God.***





- ***John 16:5 "But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' 6"But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7"But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8"And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. NASU***






# The God Factor

- *A number of places in scripture we actually read the words “but God” and many other places it is implied.*
- *Here in John 16 as Jesus continues to speak, he repeats the fact that he is going away and he must be able to read the sorrow on the disciples’ faces.*
- *So he explains to them how his going away is a good thing for them – “I know you are disappointed and scared, but don’t be; it’s about to get better”.*






# The God Factor

- *What would life be like without “but God”?*
  - *I offer that life loses its meaning and becomes a sobering and desperate proposition.*
  - *For without the God factor most of our lives would make no sense and, as Paul said, we are to be pitied for having based our lives on a lie.*
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# The God Factor

- *I lost my job, but God \_\_\_\_\_.*
  - *I lost my retirement savings, but God \_\_\_\_\_.*
  - *I was diagnosed with cancer, but God \_\_\_\_\_.*
  - *My kids are rebelling, but God \_\_\_\_\_.*
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## Sending the Helper

- *“for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.”*
  - *So why can't the Holy Spirit and Jesus both be with them?*
  - *And why can't He come unless He is sent?*
  - *And wasn't He already present with them?*
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## Sending the Helper

- *I suspect it has little to do with Jesus and the Holy Spirit being present together – they are one God.*
- *I like to think that Jesus is saying, “if He is in you it is not just the same as, but better than me being with you”.*
- *The limitations of body applied to Jesus just as they do to us – he could only be with a few at a time, but the Spirit can be in all at all times.*





# The Helper's Ministry

- *8"And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;"*
- *This verse defines His ministry to the unbelieving world.*
- *This is in fact how people (you and I included) come to believe on Jesus.*





# The Helper's Ministry

- *When the Word is preached the Spirit is there to affirm the message in the mind of the listener.*
- *When we witness the same is true – this is why what we say is of far less importance than we might think.*
- *The Holy Spirit is the one who convicts (proves) the gospel message.*





- ***John 16:12***"I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ***13***"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. ***14***"He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. ***15*** "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you. **NASU**





## The Helper's Ministry to Christians

- *He also has a ministry to Christians post salvation and a large part of His ministry is teaching.*
- *He is the one that take the blinders off of our hearts and allows us to understand spiritual things.*
- *Psalms 119:99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation. NKJV*





## The Helper's Ministry to Christians

- *Jesus said that he had many things he wanted to tell them, but they just were not ready.*
- *You wouldn't tell young children if you were having financial problems – they would assume the worst and become fearful.*
- *Even today it seems to me the Holy Spirit works with us at our own individual pace revealing what we can handle as we are ready.*





# The Helper's Ministry to Christians

- *Notice also the scope of His teaching ministry – His mission is to reveal Jesus to us.*
- *Who knows Jesus better than the Holy Spirit? – when Jesus was on Earth he could be seen, touched, and questioned as long as it took to gain clarity.*
- *Now the Holy Spirit is the clarifier.*






- ***John 16:29 His disciples said, "Lo, now You are speaking plainly and are not using a figure of speech. 30" Now we know that You know all things, and have no need for anyone to question You; by this we believe that You came from God." 31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? 32" Behold, an hour is coming, and has already come, for you to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. 33" These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." NASU***








## In this world ....

- *To some extent Jesus last instructions to his disciples just keep getting harder ...*
    - *One will betray me*
    - *One will deny me*
    - *I am going away*
    - *You can't come with me*
    - *Things will get tough*
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## In this world .....

- ***Tribulation? – The word means pressure, affliction, persecution.***
  - ***We have been blessed to have been spared from violent persecution thus far, but most of us have experienced pressure and affliction.***
  - ***Just as it is quite normal to feel at odds with the world so is it normal to experience pressure and affliction.***
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# The Purpose of Pressure

***If we assume I am correct – that tribulation is a normal part of living in a fallen world, then what is God's purpose in allowing it?***





# The Purpose of Pressure

- *It makes us long for Heaven and for God's rule.*
- *It sometimes serves to shape us into more of what God intended for us to be.*
- *It reminds us that we are living in a fallen world and that things are upside down for now.*





# Questions

