

Sorrow Will Turn to Joy

Notes for 12 Nov

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Background

Matt	Mark	Luke	John
			16:1-33

Discussion

Please read the gospel of John chapter 16 to prepare to answer the following questions.

Verses 1 to 4

- What does "fall away" mean?
- What does "they have not known the father or me" mean?

Verses 5 to 7

- How was it for their good that he was leaving them and what does it mean for us?

Verses 8 to 11

- These verses talk of sin righteousness and judgement. What is your understanding, because the world has got it wrong according to Jesus?
- In verses 8 to 11 Jesus tells of what the Holy Spirit will do. Jesus seems to tell how he will do his work. What do you think of his seeming gentle methods?

Verses 16 to 22

- Why do you think the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying?

Verses 23 and 24

"Ask and you will receive"

- Does that include anything or everything and do the words "in my name" make a difference?

Verses 25 to 28

- What is Jesus saying about himself and the father?
- Do we now have a different view of God - does it make sense?

Verses 29 to 33

- How do these verses affect your faith and trust in God and his plans?