

JOHN 15:26-16:15

JESUS PROVIDES

As Jesus continues, He prepares His disciples for what lies ahead.

They will face opposition, confusion, and hardship. But they will not face it alone. Jesus promises to send “the Advocate” (“the Helper”), the Holy Spirit.

This Helper will stand with them, guide them, and remind them of everything Jesus has said. Moreover, the Spirit will reveal truth, helping them understand who Jesus is and what He has accomplished.

Jesus even says something surprising: it is for their good that He is going away. Through the Spirit, Jesus’ ministry will expand to every place His people will go. The disciples may feel unprepared, but Jesus is providing exactly what they need.

In a resistant world, the Spirit will also work to convict the world, expose sin, and point to what is true and right.

DAILY READINGS

I. JOHN 15:26-16:15

V. JOHN 12:27-36

II. 1 JOHN 5:6-12

VI. ACTS 5:27-42

III. LUKE 24:44-48

VII. HEBREWS 11:32-12:2

IV. MATTHEW 11:1-19

MEMORY VERSE: JOHN 16:13

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“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.”

16 “All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. ² They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. ³ They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.”

¹² “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

DISCUSSION

In your daily life, who is your “reliable source”—the person you trust to tell you the truth? What is it about them that makes their words dependable? Share a time when you believed something they told you even when others doubted it, and it turned out to be true.

Read John 15:26-16:15 aloud.

Walk back through the passage and identify every description of the Holy Spirit—both who He is and what He does. Have someone jot down the list as you go. After reading it aloud, what stands out to you about the Spirit’s character and work?

What does Jesus teach about persecution in this passage? How does this warning fit into the larger message of this teaching that began in John 13?

Why is it for the disciples’ good—and for ours—that Jesus is going away (v. 7)? What advantages do we have in this era, when the Holy Spirit is ministering among us, compared to the time when Jesus was physically present with His disciples?

What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit’s role is regarding sin, righteousness, and judgment? How would you rephrase verses 8-11 in your own words?

Share ways you’ve seen evidence of the Spirit’s work in your own journey. How have you experienced the Spirit guiding you into truth (v. 13) or glorifying Jesus in your life (v. 14)?

To close your time, consider praying a prayer like this:

Lord, thank You for sending Your Spirit to guide us into all truth. May Jesus be glorified as the Spirit reveals Your truth to us. Everything belongs to You. Thank You for making Yourself known through Your Word and through Your Son, Jesus Christ.



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