

Gospel of John

Study Questions for Chapter 16:

1. How does the chapter distinguish between the "pagan world" and the "religious community" as sources of persecution?
2. What is the specific distinction made between the Holy Spirit acting as a "Helper" versus an "Enabler"?
3. What are the two theological reasons why Jesus' departure was necessary for the Spirit to come?
4. How does the author explain the Spirit's conviction of "righteousness" in contrast to keeping the Law of Moses?
5. What is the primary focus of the Holy Spirit's ministry in relation to Jesus?
6. How does the commentary interpret the "little while" of Jesus' absence in relation to the Second Advent?
7. How does the metaphor of childbirth describe the "sorrows" or "travail" of the current church age?
8. Why does the author argue that the Father is eager, rather than reluctant, to hear prayers in Jesus' name?
9. What specific spiritual element was missing from the disciples that caused them to scatter despite their willing spirits?
10. On what basis does Jesus declare He has "overcome the world" before He actually went to the Cross?