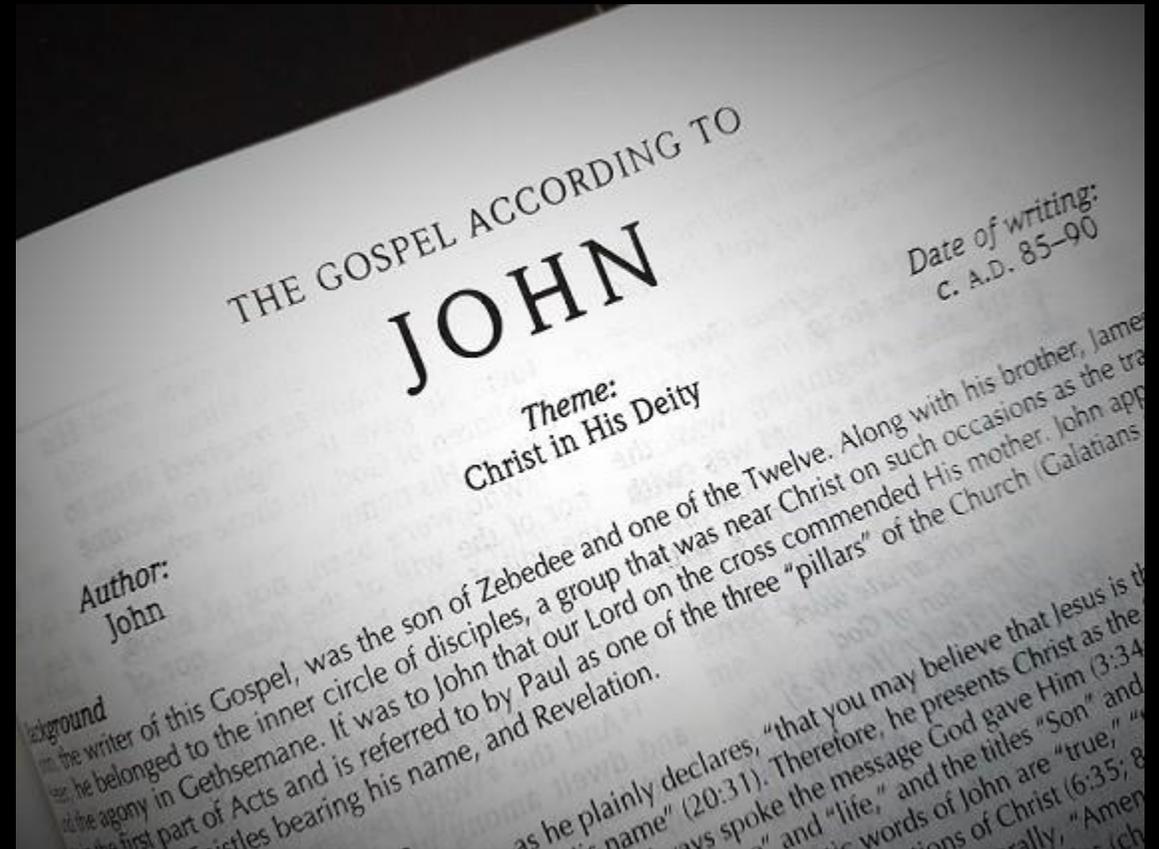


# Verse by Verse

## John 16



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- In **John 13** we saw Jesus wash the feet of his disciples.
- He also gave them (and us) a new commandment, “**Love one another as I have loved you.**”
- Last week, in **John 15**, he explained that we must **abide** in him.
- He compared our abiding to branches staying connected to the vine.

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- In **John 16**, Jesus will further prepare his disciples for his departure and the difficulties they will soon face.
- They will not see him for a time, but then they will see him again.
- Later, when he goes to be with his Father, the Holy Spirit will come.
- This will be even better than if he stayed.

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- John 16:33 (ESV)

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1. Persecution 16:1-4a
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- This section is really a continuation of what Jesus said in the previous chapter.
- **John 15:18-19** (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

# 1. Persecution 16:1-4a

- In the days of the disciples, believers in Jesus were put out of the synagogues.
- In our day it is more likely that true believers will not be able to stay in some churches.
- Now, as then, churches with unbiblical doctrine or practice often believe they are really serving God.

# 1. Persecution 16:1-4a

- **16:1** In the very first verse, Jesus says **why** he is telling us these things.
- There is a great danger of **falling away** and we need to make sure that we are not among those who do.
- Falling away might mean turning to **another Jesus**, or turning away to a faith with **no Jesus at all**.

# 1. Persecution 16:1-4a

- Hebrews 3:12-13 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

## 2. The Spirit of Truth 16:4b-15

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- 16:7-10 The Helper or Advocate is the Holy Spirit.
- Without the work of the Holy Spirit we cannot see ourselves as sinners or see our need for Jesus. (v.9)
- Only the Holy Spirit can show us that a righteous standing before God comes through the cross (v. 10).
- The Spirit also reveals that without faith in Jesus, we will be condemned, as Satan already is. (v.11)

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God the Father	God the Son	God the Holy Spirit
Sender	Sent	Sent
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Twice-Sender	Sent One Turned Sender	Twice-Sent

## 2. The Spirit of Truth    16:4b-15

- 16:11    Jesus uses an interesting expression to describe the devil.
- He is “the ruler of this world,” but he will be defeated by Christ at the cross.

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- John 12:31 (ESV)

Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.

- John 14:30 (ESV)

I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me.

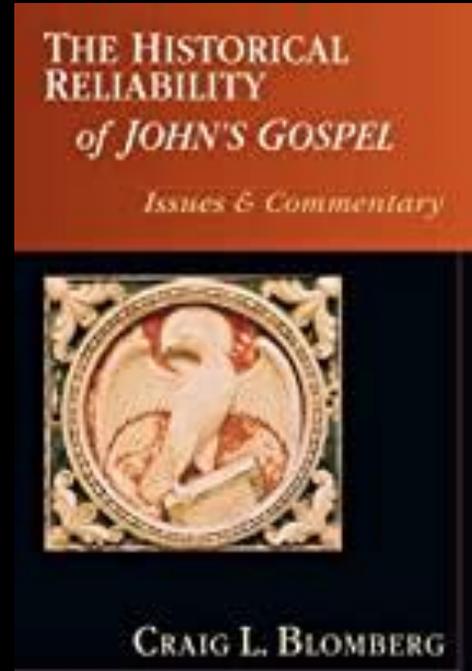
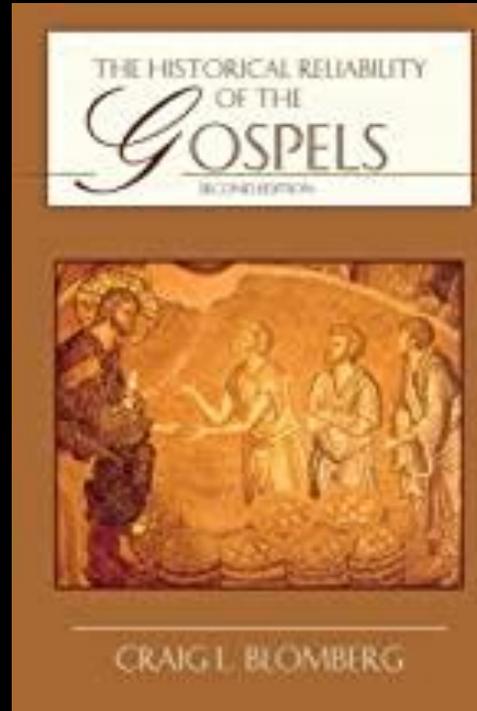
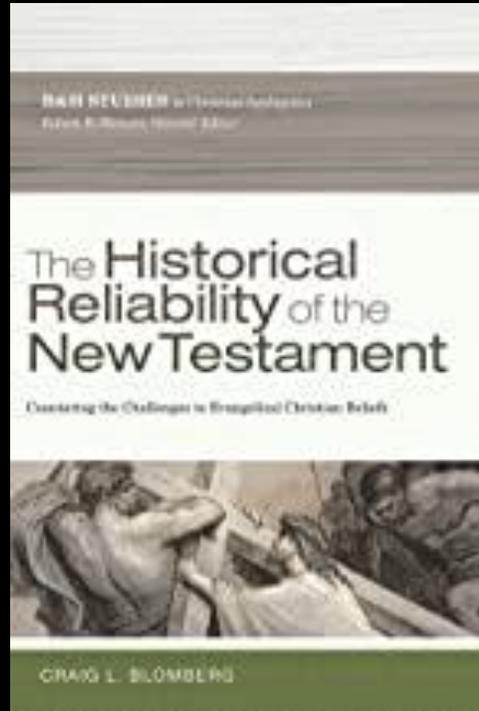
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- 16:12-15 The Spirit began this work by inspiring the authors of the New Testament to write what they did.
- Everything in the NT, including the Gospels, was written after Jesus ascended into heaven.
- Notice especially v.14, “He will glorify me.”

## 2. The Spirit of Truth 16:4b-15

- 16:12-15 The Spirit continues his work by helping us to grasp the meaning of Scripture.
- He is at work when we read the Bible to help us understand it.
- He is at work in the preaching and teaching of the word, making such ministry effective.

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Craig Blomberg on Historical Reliability

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- The **Spirit of Truth** inspired the Scriptures.
- We can believe the Bible.
- We need to believe the Bible.
- The Bible is the first and most foundational item, the primary, non-negotiable basis of the Christian faith.

### 3. Sorrow into Joy 16:16-24

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- 16:16-19 a little while ... a little while
- Jesus was about to die, and so his disciples would not see him for a short period of time.
- He was soon after going to rise.
- They would see him again and would again have reason to rejoice.

### 3. Sorrow into Joy 16:16-24

- John 16:20 (ESV)

Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.

### 3. Sorrow into Joy 16:16-24

- 16:21-22 Jesus compares his death and resurrection to a woman giving birth to a child.
- The pain is only temporary.
- The birth of the child is the lasting result of the pain.
- This was originally meant for the disciples, but there is a way we can apply it all to ourselves.

### 3. Sorrow into Joy 16:16-24

- We don't see Jesus at the moment, which is difficult in some ways for us.
- Someday that will change.
- Once Christ returns, we will be with him from then on.
- Our troubles will be over and there will always be reason to rejoice.

### 3. Sorrow into Joy 16:16-24

- 16:23-24 On praying in Jesus' name.
- We will look at this in a moment.

## 4. Peace in Christ 16:25-33

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*There is a principle at work here for believers in Christ: God only explains what you are ready and able to handle. You may not understand the circumstances that you're experiencing ...*

*– Tony Evans, Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship, Dallas*



## 4. Peace in Christ 16:25-33

*... but God loves you and is taking you through a growth process. He calls for your trust and obedience now. Further understanding will come later, when you're prepared to receive it. <sup>2</sup>*

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- John 14:13-14 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

## 4. Peace in Christ 16:25-33

- Prayer Promises in John 14 – 16
- John 15:7 (ESV)

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

## 4. Peace in Christ 16:25-33

- Prayer Promises in John 14 – 16
- John 15:16 (ESV)

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

## 4. Peace in Christ 16:25-33

- Prayer Promises in John 14 – 16
- John 16:23-24 (ESV)

<sup>23</sup> In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

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- Prayer Promises in John 14 – 16
- John 16:26-27 (ESV)

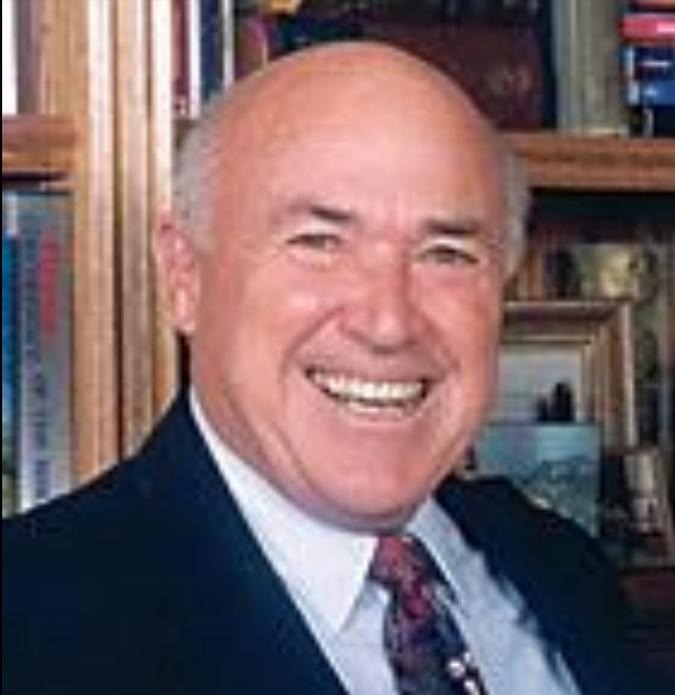
<sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

## 4. Peace in Christ    16:25-33

- **16:33**    As the chapter ends Jesus gives us one reason why he is telling us these things.
- Back in **v.1** he gave us another.
- **John 16:1** (ESV)

I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away.

## 4. Peace in Christ 16:25-33



*Through Jesus Christ the weakest child of God has authority and power over Satan. That should give us such peace, knowing that our Enemy has already been defeated. We just need to thank God for the victory.<sup>3</sup>*

*– Pastor Chuck Smith (1927 – 2013)  
Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa*

## 4. Peace in Christ 16:25-33

- 16:33 This final verse is worth memorizing.
- You might want meditate on it repeatedly.
- Jesus has overcome the world.

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1. Jesus wants his followers to be prepared for difficulties and even for persecution if it comes.
2. We must be sure that **we do not fall away**.
3. Jesus is not with us now, but **the Holy Spirit** is.
4. We only need to be faithful till Jesus comes and then we will spend eternity with him.

## John 16 Key Points

5. **Stay in the Bible.** We can trust it because the Holy Spirit was working through the human authors.
6. Jesus has also given us numerous **prayer promises**, all of which should motivate us to pray.
7. **Christ has overcome the world** – and the ruler of this world.
8. If we keep our minds on this, God will give us supernatural peace regardless of our troubles.

# John 16    A Prayer

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- Heavenly Father,
- We thank you that Jesus has come not only to save us but to overcome our enemy the devil.
- Thank you that we can have confidence that you are at work and have won the battle, even when we face various trials.
- Help us to remain strong in our faith and to never fall away as so many others have done.

# John 16    A Prayer

- We thank you for the work of the Holy Spirit within us and for the way he inspired the human authors of your word.
- We now ask you to help us fill our hearts and minds with it and stay focused upon it, that we might continuously experience your peace.
- And we pray this in Jesus' name,
- Amen

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