

Finding Hope

John 16: 16-24

Finding Hope in a Personal Reunion (16)

"A little while, and you will no longer see Me; and again a little while and you will see Me"

- *"you will no longer see Me"* - the death and burial of Jesus
- *"you will see Me"* - the return of Jesus in the Person of the Holy Spirit

Finding Hope in a Person (17-19)

"Some of the disciples then said to one another, 'What is this thing He is telling us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while and you will see Me; and because I go to the Father'? So they were saying, 'What is that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is talking about.' Jesus knew they wished to question Him, and He said to them, 'Are you deliberating together about this, that I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me'?"

Finding Hope in a Promise (20-22)

- "you will weep and lament" - over Jesus' death
- "the world will rejoice" - over Jesus death
- "your grief will be turned to joy" - the grief of believers is temporary, the grief of the lost is eternal

Example: a woman in labor

Finding Hope in Prayer (23-24)

- "you will not question Me about anything" – they will have the Holy Spirit
- "in my name" – with the mind, heart, will and power of Jesus Himself / Holy Spirit
- "joy may be full" – in seeing God glorified and fruit born for the kingdom

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