

Series: I Wish I'd Asked That; Sermon: **“What Could Be Better than Easter Sunday?”** Delivered on April 28, 2019 by **Dr. Josh Moody**, senior pastor

**Bible text explored: John 16:5–16**

<sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

<sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>16</sup>A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” [ESV]

**Review and application:**

1. Had Jesus’ disciples (v. 5) asked earlier about where he was going? (See *John 13:36* and *14:5*.)

What (v. 6) did Jesus perceive had caused his disciples to avoid pursuing this question?

So could his disciples envision anything better than having their risen Messiah remain with them?

2. Why (vv. 7-8) did Jesus say it was better for him to leave them than to stay physically present?

Jesus’ ministry had been focused on the Twelve. How broadly based would his presence—sustained, empowered, and expanded by the Helper—be?

3. What results of the Holy Spirit’s coming (vv. 9-11) did Jesus foresee as to . . .

. . . exposure of people’s sin. What refusal is basic?

. . . The source of righteousness. Where is it based, and on what does it depend? (See also, *Rom. 1:17*.)

. . . Satan’s ultimate defeat. What awaits this “detoothed lion”?

(See also, *John 12:31-32*.)

4. What should we be praying for the Spirit to do here and around the world?

*Jesus next* (vv. 12-15) turns from the Spirit’s convicting function to his guiding role: revealing matters that his disciples were not yet ready to handle.

5. What did the Holy Spirit guide and empower the Apostles to accomplish with regard to the Church, their recollection of Jesus’ words, and the creation of the Second Testament? (See *John 14:26* and *2 Pet. 3:15-16*.)

6. To experience God’s Word powerfully at work, how could you open yourself up to the Spirit’s role in your engagement with, and increasing understanding of, biblical truth? (See *Psalms 19: 7-11*.)