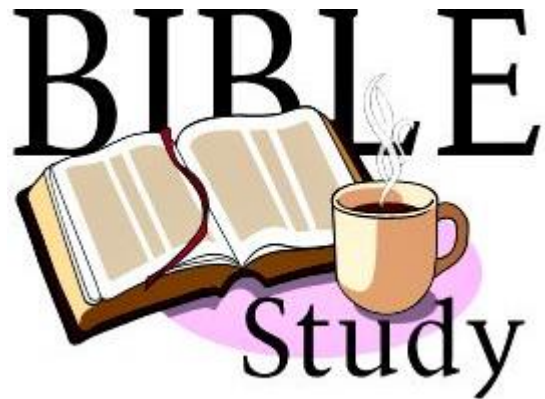


# “On the night when He was betrayed...”

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STUDY 17

Reading: John 16:16-24



## “A little while, and...”

Home Fellowship Group Bible Study Questions

Tuesday 17th/Wednesday 18th May 2016

1. What does Jesus mean in verse 16 by the phrase ‘a little while’?

**As the disciples in verses 17-18 reflect on all that Jesus has taught them over the course of the evening, they are left somewhat confused. The Swiss commentator Frederic Louis Godet summarised the dilemma like this: “Where for us all is clear, for them all was mysterious. If Jesus wishes to found the Messianic kingdom, why go away? If He does not wish it, why return?”**

2. How does Jesus deal with their question, and what is the most important part of verse 20 for these disciples?
3. How does Jesus’ illustration in verse 21-22 explain what He has assured them of in verse 20?
4. Although the context here is clearly the cross and resurrection; how can we be encouraged today by the illustration in verses 21-22?
5. It might look as if there is a contradiction in verse 23. What does Jesus mean when He says: “*In that day you will ask nothing of me*”?
6. This is the fourth time that Jesus has referred to answered prayer (see John 14:13-14; John 15:7,16). *What is different about this fourth reference in verses 23-24?*