

A person is standing in a dark space, illuminated by a vertical beam of light from above. The person is silhouetted against the light, and the light creates a bright, hazy column that tapers towards the top. The background is dark and textured.

THE GOSPEL OF
JOHN

**The Light Shines
in the Darkness**

CHAPTER 16:16-33

“Searching For Jesus in the Suffering”

John 16

¹⁶ “In a little while you won’t see me anymore. But a little while after that, you will see me again.” ¹⁷

Some of the disciples asked each other, “What does he mean when he says, ‘In a little while you won’t see me, but then you will see me,’ and ‘I am going to the Father’? ¹⁸ And what does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand.”

John 16

¹⁹ Jesus realized they wanted to ask him about it, so he said, “Are you asking yourselves what I meant? I said in a little while you won’t see me, but a little while after that you will see me again. ²⁰ I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice.

John 16

You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy. ²¹ It will be like a woman suffering the pains of labor. When her child is born, her anguish gives way to joy because she has brought a new baby into the world. ²² So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy.



Can we trust that Jesus will redeem
our suffering?



John 16

²³ At that time you won't need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name. ²⁴ You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.

John 16

²⁵ “I have spoken of these matters in figures of speech, but soon I will stop speaking figuratively and will tell you plainly all about the Father. ²⁶ Then you will ask in my name. I’m not saying I will ask the Father on your behalf, ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you dearly because you love me and believe that I came from God.

Can we trust that Jesus will respond
to our cries for help?



John 16

²⁸ Yes, I came from the Father into the world, and now I will leave the world and return to the Father.” ²⁹ Then his disciples said, “At last you are speaking plainly and not figuratively. ³⁰ Now we understand that you know everything, and there’s no need to question you. From this we believe that you came from God.”

John 16

³¹ Jesus asked, “Do you finally believe? ³² But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when you will be scattered, each one going his own way, leaving me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. ³³ I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me.

John 16

Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

Can we believe that Jesus has the
power to help?



A person stands in a dark space, illuminated by a vertical beam of light that descends from the top of the frame. The person is positioned at the bottom of the beam, looking upwards. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wall or a large object, with the light creating a strong contrast and highlighting the person's silhouette.

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