

**The Beautiful Empty
The Beautiful Goodbye
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At this, some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?"

They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying." Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'?"

Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. John 16:17-20 NIV

Key Thought of the Day

The Beautiful Goodbye understands that Jesus' departure would be _____.

You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe." John 14:28-29 NIV

The Blessings Found In The Beautiful Goodbye

1. Jesus was leaving to secure their _____.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." John 14:1-3 NIV

"In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me." John 16:16 NIV

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2. Jesus' full, personal, visible _____ of the Father brought to completion.

If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." John 14:7 NIV

"Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." John 14:8

"Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." John 14:9a NIV

And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe. The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. Hebrews 1:2-3 NLT

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3. The promised coming of the _____.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans... John 14:16-18a NIV

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. John 16:7 NIV

The Blessing Of The Holy Spirit...

• Will _____ us to live for God.

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you..." John 14:15-16 NIV

The Blessing Of The Holy Spirit...

• Helps us _____ effectively.

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. John 14:12-14 NIV

The Blessing Of The Holy Spirit...

• Instructs us to live _____ lives.

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26 NIV

The Blessing Of The Holy Spirit...

• Brings the gift of _____ to our lives.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27 NIV

Do not let your hearts be troubled... John 14:1 & John 14:27 NIV

The Bottom Line

We can know peace, when we know Jesus, because we know Jesus... is _____ for us!