

# **"SPIRITUAL CONFUSION NO LONGER NECESSARY"**

## **JOHN 16:23-33**

### **I. THE UNSPECIFIED TIME DESIGNATIONS THROUGH OUT THIS TEXT CAN BE IDENTIFIED**

- A. The Phrase "*In That Day*" (16:23) Refers To The Time After The Lord's Resurrection
- B. The Phrase "*The Time Cometh*" (16:25) Refers To The Forty Days Between His Resurrection And Ascension
- C. The phrase "*At That Day*" (16:26) Refers Primarily To The Period Of Time Following The Ascension
- D. The Phrase "*The Hour Cometh, Yea, Is Now Come*" (16:32) Refers To Something That Was In Process Of Arrival That Very Evening

### **II. THE UNSPECIFIED TIME DESIGNATIONS THROUGH OUT THIS TEXT HELP MAKE TWO THINGS APPARENT TO US**

- A. Although The Apostles Were Definitely In The Dark, It Didn't Have To Be That Way
- B. The Darkness The Apostles Were In Regarding The Lord's "Going" Parallels The Experience Of The Entire Jewish Nation With Regard To The Lord's Original "Coming"

### **III. THE LORD MAKES CERTAIN PREDICTIONS JUST PRIOR TO HIS CRUCIFIXION**

- A. There Is Coming A Time When No One Would Any Longer Ask Questions Of The Lord (16:23a)
  - 1. It Would Not Be Necessary To Ask Him Personal Questions
  - 2. It Would Be Necessary To Read The N.T. With Understanding
- B. Even Though We Would Not Be Asking Him Questions, Our Every Request Would Nevertheless Be Granted (16:23b-24, 26)
  - 1. You Must *Ask*
  - 2. You Must *Ask* Persistently
  - 3. You Must *Ask* In Christ's Name
  - 4. You Must *Ask* In Order To Have Fullness Of Joy