# APOSTLE'S RESPONDING TO WHAT THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND

## JOHN 16:16-22

1. **THERE IS A REASON FOR THE OCCASIONAL OBSCURITY OR AMBIGUITY THAT OCCURS IN THE LORD'S TEACHING (16:16-18)**
   1. The Lord Admitted To Speaking To Them In *Proverbs* Or Parables (16:25)
   2. The Apostles Complained That They Did Not Understand A Word Of What Was Said (16:17-18)
   3. We Would Think That On The Eve Of His Departure, On The Cusp Of A Perceived Crisis, That He Would Never Have Been Clearer
   4. The Lord Had Previously Explained Why He Did Not Tell Them In Plain Language All The Things They Wanted To Know (16:12)
      1. They Could Not Have Borne It
      2. They Would Not Have Accepted It
2. **THE LORD GRACIOUSLY EXPANDED HIS TEACHING, NOT SO MUCH BY CLARIFYING THE DETAILS, BUT BY TELLING THEM HOW THEY WERE GOING TO FEEL (16:19-22)**
   1. He Said That Their Sorrow Would Turn To Joy (16:20, 22)
   2. He Expands The Teaching But Insures That It Remains Purposely Unclear (16:21)
      1. Though The Teaching Was Unclear The Apostles Still Should Have Accepted The Base Of What Was Said, Literally
      2. Though the Teaching was Unclear The Apostles Would Have Had Enough Light To Console Them For The Ensuing Three Days And Three Nights