

**APOSTLE'S RESPONDING TO WHAT THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND
JOHN 16:16-22**

**I. THERE IS A REASON FOR THE OCCASIONAL OBSCURITY OR
AMBIGUITY THAT OCCURS IN THE LORD'S TEACHING (16:16-
18)**

- A. The Lord Admitted To Speaking To Them In *Proverbs* Or Parables (16:25)
- B. The Apostles Complained That They Did Not Understand A Word Of What Was Said (16:17-18)
- C. We Would Think That On The Eve Of His Departure, On The Cusp Of A Perceived Crisis, That He Would Never Have Been Clearer
- D. 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

**II. 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)**

- A. He Said That Their Sorrow Would Turn To Joy (16:20, 22)
- B. 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