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What is the focal question to the disciples? **16:17-18, 20:19-29; Acts 10:38-41**

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How does He reply to this unspoken question? **16:19-20; Ps.139:1-4; Mk.15:29-32; IPet.1:6-8**

What object lesson does He give regarding sorrow followed by joy? **16:21-22**

What is the promise He gives them? **16:22, 6; Lu.24:36-53; Acts 5:41**

And what has He promised to us (all believers)? **16:23-24; Rom.8:38-39; Rev.21**

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They could not comprehend 'a little while'. This clearly implies something imminent!

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Absolutely! God only reveals things to us as we are able to receive them. Trust Him!

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Instead of time, He addresses them in terms of their emotions! This was the real issue!

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A woman's anguish in child birth followed by joy that a human being has been born.

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Ask the Father, in My name; He will give it to you! You are secure in Me. For all eternity!

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