

4 But I have told you these things so that when their time comes you will remember I told them to you. I didn't tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6 Yet, because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don't go away the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment: 9 About sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; 11 and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

12 “I still have many things to tell you, but you can’t bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. For he will not speak on his own, but he will speak whatever he hears. He will also declare to you what is to come. 14 He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. 15 Everything the Father has is mine. This is why I told you that he takes from what is mine and will declare it to you.

### **LITURGICAL RESPONSE**

**READER:** May the Holy Spirit guide us into the truth. Together, we pray:

**EVERYONE:** May His Truth transform our lives. In Jesus’ mighty name, Amen.

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John 16:4-6 CSB

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John 16:4 CSB

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John 16:6 CSB

But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me,  
‘Where are you going?’

John 16:5 CSB

- John 13:36, Peter asks Jesus:

- *“Lord, where are you going?”*

- John 14:5, Thomas asks Jesus:

- *“Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”*

*Jesus does the same thing with us that He did with the disciples:*

- *He meets us in our sorrow...*
- *And then gently lifts our eyes beyond it...*

“Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don’t go away the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send him to you.”

John 16:7 CSB

**“Nevertheless...”**

John 16:7 CSB

**“Nevertheless...**

it is for **your benefit**....because if I do not go away, the **Counselor** will not come.”

John 16:7 CSB

*“Counselor”* = **paraklētos**

**para** — alongside

**kaleō** — to call

**“one who is called alongside.”**

# “paraklētos”

In the ancient world, **paraklētos** could describe:

- a **legal advocate** who speaks on your behalf
- a **defender** who stands with you when you’re accused
- a **helper** who strengthens you when you’re weak
- a **comforter** who stays when everything is falling apart
- a **counselor** who provides wisdom/guidance when you’re afraid/lost

“Nevertheless...

it is for **your benefit**....because if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come.”

John 16:7 CSB

“When he (**Holy Spirit**) comes, he will **convict** the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment.”

John 16:8 CSB

*“convict”* = **elegchō**

- To **convince**
- To **expose**
- To **bring into the light**

The Holy Spirit *exposes our need*

He (**Holy Spirit**) will convict the world about sin...because they do not believe in  
me...

John 16:8-9 CSB

“Faithful are the wounds of a friend...”

Proverbs 27:6 CSB

*If our **fear of offending someone** is greater than our love for them,  
then it isn't love — **it's self-protection.***

**“Those whom I love, I rebuke and discipline.”** Revelation 3:19

The Holy Spirit exposes our need

The Holy Spirit *reveals our hope*

He (**Holy Spirit**) will convict the world about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me...”

John 16:10 CSB

*The Holy Spirit reveals that Jesus isn't one option among many*

***- He is the way.***



*S.M. Lockridge*

*“There’s only one person who can save you — **Jesus.**  
And there’s only one person who can keep you from  
getting saved — **you.**”*

The Holy Spirit exposes our need

The Holy Spirit reveals our hope

The Holy Spirit ***declares Christ's victory***

He (**Holy Spirit**) will convict the world...about righteousness, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

John 16:11 CSB

“For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now...we ourselves groan within ourselves... eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies...for in this hope we were saved.”

Romans 8:22-25 CSB

The Holy Spirit **exposes our need**

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