

**Exegetical Notes, John 14:26-31**  
**“Before It Happens”**

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**Verse 26**

*But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

- Jesus promised his disciples that when he returned to the Father he would send the Holy Spirit to them. The Holy Spirit would lead them into all truth. He would “teach them all things.” And he would remind them of all that Jesus had said to them.

**Verse 27**

<sup>27</sup> *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

- Jesus understood that his disciples were troubled by the news that he was going away from them. (See John 13:33.) He had told them not to be troubled about this news because it was part of God’s plan to bring good to them and to the whole world. Though they are troubled, he wants them to rest secure in what God is doing.
- His peace is the sense that all is well because God knows what he is doing despite the outward circumstances.

**Verse 28**

*“You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.*

- Jesus repeats the “bad news.” He is going away from them. He reassures them that he will come back for them. He reminds them that his going to the Father is good for them because the Father is greater than is he.

**Verses 29 - 31**

*I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. <sup>30</sup> I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming.*

***He has no hold over me,<sup>31</sup> but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.***

***“Come now; let us leave.***

- Jesus wants them to know about what is going to happen before it happens because when it does happen their knowing it beforehand will strengthen their faith in God.
- He, Jesus, will have little more to say to them directly. Soon he will return to the Father. Satan, the “Prince of this world,” will seem to have defeated Christ by crucifixion and death. But Satan has no power over Jesus and cannot stop the plan of God.
- In his obedience to God even unto death, Jesus will show the world that Satan has no power over him and that he loves the Father above all else. His love for the Father, like our love for him, is found in our willingness to obey. (See verse 15.)
- As they set out from that meal, Jesus’ face is set towards the end and the victory God intends for him and for us.

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