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**“THE WORD BECAME FLESH”**

The Gospel of John

**“Preparing for the Storm”**

(John 16:1-4)

Big Idea: When a storm is coming, preparation is crucial.

**INTRODUCTION**

*\* “If you fail to prepare…”*

*\* The value of advance warning*

1. **THERE IS A BENEFIT TO PREPARATION**(16:1)
2. **THERE IS A REASON FOR PREPARATION**(16:2)
   1. **Social Stigma**  
      - “put you out of the synagogue”
   2. **Fatal Faith**  
      - “whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.”
3. **THERE IS AN IGNORANCE REQUIRING PREPARATION**(16:3)  
   - “they have not known the Father nor Me.”
4. **THERE IS RATIONALE TO PREPARATION**(16:4a)  
   **\* “Remember”**
5. **THERE IS A TIME FOR PREPARATION**(16:4b)  
   - Now that I am going away.

**CONCLUSION**

                \* Jesus wanted His disciples to be ready for persecution.

                \* Jesus wants ***Us*** to be ready for persecution.

                \* Advance warning is vital to defense.

                \* We have been warned!