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**“THE WORD BECAME FLESH”**

**The Gospel of John**

**“BITTER AND SWEET”**

(John 16:16-24)

Big Idea: The horror of Calvary gave way to the ecstasy of the Resurrection.

**INTRODUCTION**

*\* “It’s always darkest before dawn.”*

*\* A Roller Coaster Ride*

**I.              JESUS IMPLIED DEATH AND RESURRECTION**(16:16)

**A. Two Times: “ A Little While”**

**B. Two Times: “See Me”**

**1. You Will Not**

**2. You Will**

**C. Leaving the Scene**

**II.             THE DISCIPLES WERE CONFUSED**(16:17-18)

**A. They Questioned Among Themselves**

**B. They Wanted to Ask Jesus**

**III.            SORROW TURNED TO JOY**(16:19-22)

**A. Jesus Perceived their Confusion**(16:19)

**B. Jesus Explained Pending Attitudes**(16:20)

**C. Jesus Illustrated Coming Events**(16:21)

**D. Jesus Applied the Illustration**(16:22)

**IV.           JESUS REDIRECTED PRAYER**(16:23-24)

**A. Asking Jesus**

**B. Asking the Father**

**C. In Jesus’ Name**

**CONCLUSION**

                \* Calvary was a gut-wrenching experience.

                \* Resurrection completely turned the tables.

                \* Bitterness turned to supreme joy