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John 16:16 Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”

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^{16:17} At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸ They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”

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^{16:19} Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’?”

^{16:20} Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.



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^{16:21} A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world.

^{16:22} I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.