

(John 16:12–16, NIV84)

“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you. In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

What will happen next week? What will happen at the end of April? When will this madness end? These are questions that rattle around our brains. Don't give way to fear, but know that God is still in control (He really is!). He will see us through this and in His own time He will show us what the outcome will be. Until then know that Jesus loves you and that He cares for you and all your loved ones.

Resting with you in Christ,  
Pastor Golm

P.S. I have been busy trying to produce a video devotion/service for Palm Sunday. It's been produced, now I'm just trying to get it uploaded to YouTube. I'll send you the link as soon as it becomes available. Pray that God's grants us success! 😊

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April 4

The Purpose of the Gaps

In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. John 14:2

There come days, even in the life of the Christian, when we are tempted to wish that the Lord had revealed himself to us more fully. There are so many questions we cannot answer, so many mysteries we cannot explain, so many hurts and sorrows which we find it difficult to fit into our Father's gracious plan. If only he had told us more! If only he had told us this or that, it would appear to be so much simpler to believe.

In moments such as those, let us catch the echo of the Savior's comforting words to his disciples: "if it were not so, I would have told you." If there were anything about my Father's house—the way to it, the certainty of it, the glory of it--about which you lacked any information which is needful to you, you may be sure: "I would have told you."

It is true, our knowledge of the life to come and even of our life on earth is very incomplete. "Now we see through a glass, darkly", says Paul. There are gaps in God's revelation; but even the gaps have a purpose. They are the darkness in which we are to learn to hold his hand and walk by faith. Our Lord has told us all we need to know. He has told us of his Father's love, of

salvation through his cross, of our assurance of eternal bliss and glory through faith in his redeeming work. If we had need to know more, he says he would have told us.

How important, then, that when our future seems clouded with uncertainty, when there are great gaps in our knowledge of what lies in store for us, when even the thought of heaven seems punctuated with a question-mark, we come back again and again to the clear and simple assurance of the Savior spelled out for us in Holy Scripture. The poet put it right when he said:

My knowledge of that life is small, The eye of faith is dim;  
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all; And I shall be with Him.