

John 7:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto him that sent me. Jesus announces His imminent departure. 'Yet a little while' (eti chronon mikron) indicates limited time remaining. 'I go unto him that sent me' refers to His return to the Father via death, resurrection, and ascension. This isn't defeat but fulfillment—He completes His mission and returns to glory. The phrase emphasizes Jesus's divine origin and destination.

Historical Context

Jesus repeatedly predicted His departure (John 8:21, 12:35, 13:33, 14:19, 16:16-19). The disciples couldn't comprehend this until after resurrection. Jesus's 'going' encompasses crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension—return to the Father's presence from which He came. Early Christian theology emphasized Christ's return to glory as proof of His victory, not defeat.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus's 'going to the Father' mean?
2. How does His departure relate to His mission?
3. Why couldn't disciples understand this before resurrection?

Interlinear Text

εἶπεν	οὖν	αὐτοῖς	ό	Ἰησοῦς	"Ετι	μικρὸν	χρόνον	μεθ'
said	Then	unto them	G3588	Jesus	Yet	a little	while	with
G2036	G3767	G846		G2424	G2089	G3398	G5550	G3326
ὑμῶν	εἰμι	καὶ	ὑπάγω	πρὸς	τὸν	πέμψαντά	με	
you	am I	and	then I go	unto	G3588	him that sent	me	
G5216	G1510	G2532	G5217	G4314		G3992	G3165	

Additional Cross-References

John 13:33 (Parallel theme): Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.

John 16:5 (Parallel theme): But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?

John 17:13 (Parallel theme): And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

John 17:11 (Parallel theme): And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.