

John 16:4~ Nevertheless, I have spoken these things to you, that when the hour for them arrives, you may remember I told them to you. These things, however, I did not tell you at first, because I was with you.

1· So then Jesus, knowing the tumultuous events that were about to come upon them all, told them, that he had spoken these things to them in advance, so that they might remember his words through these terrible events, and not be stumbled.

[Question] Why did Jesus thus give these words to his disciples, for what did he know was about to come upon them, and what did he not want to happen to them?

2· Then he confessed, that he did not tell them these things at first, because then he was with them, but now he was to be taken away from them, and they would need to be strong within themselves.

[Question] Why did Jesus not tell them these things at the start of his ministry, and why was he telling them now?

3· From this moment on, I am telling you before it occurs, in order, that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. (John 13:19)

[Question] Why did Jesus tell them all the events of that week in advance, for what would this convince them of?

4· So now I have told you before it occurs, in order, that when it does occur, you may believe. (John 14:29)

[Question] Why did Jesus tell his disciples things about to happen to him in advance?