① ASK ME... OR... QUESTION Me

- This is a huge difference w/ a significant change of purpose

v.23 And in that Day
- referring to the Day Jesus has ascended and sat on high (Dan7)
- and subsequently poured out the Holy Spirit...

"I will put a new spirit within you, I will take out the heart of stone and I will give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes you will keep My judgments & do them" Ez.36:26-27

"Behold, I will open the graves and cause you to come up from the graves... you will know that I am God when I have opened your graves and bring you up from the graves. I will put My Spirit in you and you shall live." Ezek. 37:12-14 (Dead Bones passage)

★Jesus said,
"As the Father raises the dead and gives life, even so the Son gives life to who He wills... he who believes in Me has passed from death to life, the time is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear and live..." John 5:24-25
"The hour is coming when all who are in the graves will hear His voice" v.29

"The veil of the Temple was torn from top to bottom, the earth quaked, rocks were split, and graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and came out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the city and appeared to many" Matt. 26:51-52

"It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh..." I will pour out My Spirit in those days" - Joel 2:28-29 Fulfilled Acts 2

- In "that Day" of His Spirit being poured out... we all shall know God

"The Days are coming that I will make a new Covenant, unlike the covenant I made w/ the Fathers... I will put My law (Torah-Teachings) in their mind and on their hearts, I will be their God and they shall be My people, no more shall everyone have to teach his neighbor, for they all shall know Me, from the least to the greatest. For I will forgive their iniquity and their sin I will remember no more" Jer. 31:31-34 Fulfilled Heb. 10

- The point is this: in "that Day" believers have God's Spirit (His mind) in us & know Him

"We have the mind of Christ" 1Cor. 2:16

★This helps us interpret the context and Greek words used in this verse

v.23 In that Day...
- you will ask (ἐρωτάω) Me nothing
  - almost every Translation
OR
- you will NOT Question (ἐρωτάω) Me anything
  - only NASB and YLT
  - If it's option #1, that would contradict Jesus's prior teaching, "Ask Me anything in My name & I will do it" John 14:14
  - Matches the word & context of the discussion in the apostles soon response "Now you are speaking plainly... Now we are sure you know all things and have no need that anyone Question (ἐρωτάω) You" 16:30
  - Also matches context of 14:26 "BUT The Helper, the Holy Spirit... He will teach you all things"... AND "BUT you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things" 1Jn 2:20
★Also, remember that the apostles have been confused & questioning Jesus throughout the farewell discourse

② ASK/REQUEST IN My Name = Full of JOY

v.23 MOST assuredly ἀμὴν ἀμὴν I say to you, whatever you ask (αἰτέω) the Father in My name, He will give it to you

αἰτέω: ask for something, plead

ἐρωτάω: ASK to Question, To request vs

- The apostles are reminded to ask the Father "FOR" the wisdom and out pouring of the Spirit

★BUT they will NOT Question the wisdom given in Jesus name
- BIG Difference

v.24 Until now, you have asked "for" (αἰτέω) nothing in My name
- The Spirit has NOT been poured out
- They have NOT been indwelt
★ so they can't ask "for" things w/ the mind of CHRIST yet...

v.25 Ask "for" (thus wisdom) and you will receive
- Just as Jesus said in the Sermon on the mount:

"ask (for... αἰτέω), and it will be given TO you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened" Matt. 7:7
- There is a big part we must play in our christian maturity
★ ASK for αἰτέω, BUT DONT Question ἐρωτάω
- Questioning Type asking is great for those who don't believe yet... As we will see in verse 31
- They Questioned, then said they believe. Jesus said otherwise.

"Do you now believe... you will all ... soon scatter to your own homes..." Jn 8:31

v.24 The day you ask and receive, your joy will be full
- NO greater Joy than to know God
- To know the Father plainly... v.25
- Knowing Him is True completeness "We are complete in Him" Col. 2:10

③ I WILL TELL YOU PLAINLY... ABOUT THE FATHER

v.25 These things I have spoken to you in figurative language
Q: what things?
A: The age to come, The Messianic Age, pouring of the Spirit

παροιμία: proverb, parable, figurative
- clever sayings to help them understand spiritual Truths
- Example: woman in labor pains - has a much deeper meaning (Gen. 3, Is. 26, 66, Hos 13, Rev. 12)

v.25 BUT the time is coming when I will NO longer speak to you in figurative language (παροιμία) BUT I will tell you plainly about the Father!
- exclamation added...
- its just such an amazing age we live in (Messianic Age)

παρρησία: no holding back, plainly, frankness
- This "Time" ὥρα - hour/age is now... Jesus on the throne Dan. 7:13-14
- This hour/Age has Dawned
- The apostles and disciples were confused often before the cross
  - christ appears to TWO disciples on the road to Emmaus

"AND beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded to them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself" Luke 24:27

"These are the things concerning Me, and He opened their understanding to the Scriptures" Luke 24:45

- The continuing work of Jesus in the paraclete reveals all Truth ἀλήθεια

v.26 In "that Day" you will ask (for things) in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray (request) the Father for you...
- This can get confusing again
- It sounds like He is saying that He will NOT mediate for us...

★BUT we know He does mediate
"If you love Me and keep/abide in My commandments, then I will pray to the Father to send to you another Helper" (παράκλητος) John 14:15-16

★AND Jesus is called the Mediator in the Epistles
"Who is He who condemns? It is Christ who died and is risen, who is at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us" Rom. 8:34

"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and Man, the Man Christ Jesus." 1 Tim. 2:5

"He is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He lives to make intercession for them" Heb. 7:25

- So, what is this in 16:26 saying "He will NOT pray for us"?

pray - ἐρωτάω: beg, urge, request

★Jesus is saying that He will NOT have to beg or request God the Father to "give you these things"
- As if God doesn't like us, BUT because He loves Jesus...
- AND Because Jesus is asking...
- Then, and only because He likes Jesus, will He "give us these things"

★NO, God loves us as well (FOR God so loved the world - Jn 3:16)
- It is NOT that God the Father is only Just and Jesus is mercy
- Jesus is the express image of God

v.27 For the Father Himself loves you! because you have loved Me and believed that I came forth from God
- God the Father Himself loves you
- Jesus is His image λογος

God loves those who love Jesus Because Jesus came from God "came forth from God"
- Again, Jesus wants us to know that it is NOT like Jesus is asking/praying to God to "do Him a solid/favor" to bless us
- The Father and Jesus are of one and the same mind

v.28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.
- Jesus returns to His heavenly origin

"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from Heaven and does not return there, But it waters the earth and makes it bring forth and bud that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater. So shall My Word be that goes out of My mouth. It shall NOT return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" Is. 55:10-11

④ Apostles say they now Believe

- The apostles say they now will NOT Question Him and now Believe He is from God

v.29 His disciples said to Him, "See, now you are speaking plainly and using no figure of speech! Now we are sure that You know all things and we have no need that anyone should question You. By this we Believe that You came forth from God"
- Well, they really thought they believed and didn't question Him
- Sadly, they were in deception
- They will all soon run away from Jesus and leave Him - They would not pass the Test ... yet

v. 31-32 Jesus answered them, "Do you now Believe? Indeed the hour is coming, yes now has come, that you will be scattered, each one to his own (house) and will leave Me alone."
- similar to the beginning of this Gospel at the Wedding at Cana They believed in Jesus when they saw the signs He did, but Jesus did not believe in their faith John 2:23-24

- The scattering Jesus mentions was prophesized by Zechariah

"awake, O' sword, against My Shepherd, against the Man who is My companion, says the Lord of Hosts. Strike the Shepherd and the sheep will be scattered" Zech. 13:7
- Mark directly quotes Zechariah as being fulfilled...

"Jesus said to them that all of them will be made to stumble because of Me tonight, as it is written: I will strike the Shepherd and the sheep will be scattered" Mark 14:27
- Remember/Know the outline of Zechariah's vision (Zech. 9-14)
  - King coming lowly with salvation riding on a Donkey - Zech. 9
  - God will give showers of rain and from Him comes The Cornerstone - Zech. 10
  - The Shepherd God gives will be rejected for 30 pieces of silver - Zech. 11
  - Israel will look upon Me who they pierced w/ great mourning - Zech. 12
  - A fountain shall be opened that Day the Shepherd is struck and the sheep are scattered - Zech. 13
  - In that Day, living waters shall flow from Jerusalem - Zech. 14

v.32 And yet, I am not alone, because the Father is w/ Me
- The Father and Son have an eternal & unseparable relationship

v. 33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace, in the world you will have tribulation θλῖψις
- very interesting and unique set of 3 contrasts
  1) in me vs. in the world
  2) may have vs will have
  3) Peace vs Tribulation
- All will live in this world and have Tribulation θλῖψις
- One may also live in Christ and Have His peace
  - Ezekiel called His vision of the Messiah a Covenant of peace (37)
- Although the way of the world is strong (peer pressure), deceitful and full of trials...

"Do NOT love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is NOT in him. For all that is in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life, is NOT of the Father but is of the world" 1 John 2:15-16

"The world is under the sway of the wicked One" 1 John 5:19
★The Christian should NOT fall for it or its way

v.33 Be of good cheer (take heart) (θαρσέω) I have overcome (νικάω) the world (κοσμος)
- Relax! Cheer up! Be encouraged! - chill out
★ Jesus has conquered and overcome the world
- So Now, with Him in us, we are also more than conquerers! Rom. 8:31-39

"We have overcome (νικάω) them (antichrist spirits in the world) because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" 1 John 4:4

"whoever is born of God has (νικάω) overcome the world. And this is our victory (νίκη) that has overcome the world & our faith. Who is he who overcomes (νικάω) the world, he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God." 1 John 5:4-5
- Relax! Cheer up! Be encouraged! and live in His ways & His peace!