

John 14

Jesus Comforts His Disciples

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^[a]; believe also in me. **2** My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. **4** You know the way to the place where I am going.”

5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” **6** Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you really know me, you will know^[b] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

9 Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? **10** Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. **12** Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. **13** And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

14 You may ask me for anything in my name and I will do it **15** “If you love me, keep my commands. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— **17** the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be^[c] in you. **18** I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. **20** On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. **21** Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

22 Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?” **23** Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. **24** Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. **25** “All this I have spoken while still with you.

26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. **27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. **28** “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. **30** I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, **31** but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.” Come now; let us leave.

We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions

- What questions were provoked within you?
- Did anything confuse you?
- Did anything move you emotionally?
- Did God instruct you to do something?
- Did you gain any insight into God's character?

1. How does Jesus' promise of a place in His Father's house provide comfort for you in your current life circumstances?
2. What does Jesus mean when He says He is "the way, the truth, and the life"?
3. How does Jesus' assurance of His unity with the Father deepen your understanding of His divinity?
4. How do you understand the role of the Holy Spirit as explained in this chapter?
5. What does Jesus' teaching on love and obedience mean to you personally?
6. How does Jesus' promise of peace provide assurance in times of trouble?
7. How does Jesus' statement about the connection between seeing Him and seeing the Father inform your understanding of God's nature?
8. How does Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit comfort and encourage you in your spiritual journey?
9. How can you apply Jesus' teaching on obedience and love in your daily life?
10. How does Jesus' calmness and peace in facing His imminent betrayal inspire you in your own times of trial?
11. How does Jesus' explanation of His relationship with the Father challenge your understanding of God?
12. What does Jesus' promise to answer prayers asked in His name mean to you?
13. How does Jesus' assurance of His return and the preparation of a place for His followers shape your perspective on death and the afterlife?
14. What does Jesus' teachings in this chapter reveal about the Trinity?
15. How can you apply the promise of the Holy Spirit in navigating your spiritual and personal challenges?
16. How does Jesus' peace differ from the peace that the world offers?
17. What does this chapter teach you about the nature and importance of faith in Jesus?
18. How can you embody Jesus' teachings about love and obedience in your current relationships and responsibilities?
19. Reflect on the entire chapter. How do Jesus' promises and teachings provide comfort and guidance in your life journey?
20. How does the disciples' struggle to comprehend Jesus' words resonate with your own spiritual struggles, and how can Jesus' responses to them provide insight for you?