

John 14 - Jesus left the earth, but He is still with us

Joh 13:33 ESV Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, **'Where I am going you cannot come.'**

- Vs 1 **"Let not your hearts be troubled"**
- Vs 28 "If you loved me, **you would have rejoiced**, because I am going to the Father

1) Showing the Way to the Father's House

Joh 14:1-31 ESV **"Let not your hearts be troubled.** Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my **Father's house are many rooms.** If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare **a place for you?** 3 And if I go and prepare **a place** for you, I will come again and **will take you to myself**, that **where I am you may be also.**

- It is a **HOUSE**, He is the **FATHER**, you have a **PLACE** there (and Jesus is there) - **FAMILY**
- The word "FATHER" is mentioned 23 times in this chapter

And you know the way to where I am going

- 4 And you know the way to where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. **How can we know the way?"** 6 Jesus said to him, **"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.** 7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

"I, and I ONLY am" - - The way is not a map - it is a person - and these are under assault today

- HE IS THE WAY --- But we balk at Jesus being the ONLY WAY
- HE IS THE TRUTH --- But we want truth to be relative, individual, personal - NOT ABSOLUTE
- HE IS THE LIFE --- But we are afraid to fully follow - we might MISS OUT ON LIFE

When you've seen Jesus, you've seen the Father

- 8 Philip said to him, **"Lord, show us the Father**, and it is enough for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 **Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?** *[The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.* 11 **Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.]**

How do we see the Father? - it is in the words and works that Jesus performed

- The **words that I say** to you... (I don't speak on my own authority)...the Father who dwells in me does **his works** ... (Believe He is in me, or at least believe on account of the works)
- I always say what he wants me to say - **"Take up your mat and walk"** - he is speaking the words the Father has given him, and in the works of the FATHER are accomplished

2) Answering our prayer - that His work may be done

The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but **the Father who dwells in me does his works**. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, **or else believe on account of the works themselves**. 12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me **will also do the works that I do**; and greater works than these will he do, **because I am going to the Father**. 13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, **that the Father may be glorified in the Son**. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

- Jesus did not speak on His own authority (I only say what the Father tells me)
 - Joh 8:28 ESV ... I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me.
 - Joh 12:49 ESV For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment--what to say and what to speak.
 - Joh 5:19-20 ESV So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing...
- There is a link between speaking the words of the Father and the work the Father does "the WORDS I say to you...the Father who dwells in me does his WORKS"

The works that I do - he will do also (and greater - because I am going to the Father)

- What are the works that Jesus DID? -- the works of the FATHER "the Father who dwells in me does HIS WORK"
- Because I am going to the Father (sending the Holy Spirit)
- Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do "**That the Father may be glorified in the Son**"
- How did Jesus glorify the Father? - Finished the work He gave him to do
 - Joh 17:4 ESV I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.

The only way we can do the works that Jesus did, is to hear the voice of the Father and do HIS work...

- Maybe THAT should be the focus of our prayer...
- Let my words be the words of the Father...
- When we speak, "take up your mat and walk" we will be speaking the words of the Father...and the works of the Father will be done
- Let me see what you are doing, and become your co-laborer

3) By sending the Holy Spirit as our companion, helper, teacher, & reminder

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And **I will ask the Father**, and he will give you **another Helper, to be with you forever**, 17 **even the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. **You know him**, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 18 "**I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you**. See also vs 26 But **the Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, **he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you**.

- Another **Helper** - to be with you forever
- The **Spirit of Truth** - the world cannot receive Him
- **I will not leave us as orphans** - I will come to you
- The **teacher** - vs 26
- The **reminder** - vs 26

4) He manifests himself to us if we obey - Conditional Statements

19 Yet a little while and the world will **see me no more, but you will see me**. Because I live, you also will live. 20 In that day you will know that **I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you**. 21 Whoever has **my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me**. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and **I will love him and manifest myself to him.**" 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, **how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?**" 23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will **keep my word**, and my Father will love him, and **we will come to him and make our home with him**. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

- **Vs 15 is a conditional statement also... "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.** 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Helper**
- He who loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and **manifest myself to him**
- If anyone loves me, he will keep my word the Father will love him and we will come to him and **make our home with him.**

5) He leaves His peace with us -- I am going away, I will come to you

27 **Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.** Not as the world gives do I give to you. **Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.** 28 You heard me say to you, **'I am going away, and I will come to you.'** If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 And now **I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.** 30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, 31 but **I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.** Rise, let us go from here.

SUMMARY

- **Future is OK** - A place is being prepared for you - and you know the way - don't be troubled
- **Focus of prayer** - He wants us to continue to do the works that He did
- **A friend in the Holy Spirit** - He sends the Holy Spirit as our helper, our teacher, our reminder
- **Serious about our obedience** - These are Conditional Statements
- **Peace now...I am going away -- and I will come to you**