

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

LESSON 15 - JOHN CHAPTER 14

ASSIGNMENT

READ John chapter 14.

MEMORIZE John 14:6,

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

OUTLINE OF JOHN CHAPTER 14

- A. A home promised for believers in heaven, John 14:1-6.
 - 1. Jesus prepared a place, John 14:1,2.
 - 2. Jesus will come again, John 14:3,4.
 - 3. Jesus is the way to heaven, John 14:5,6.

- B. Promises of Jesus for believers are sure because: John 14:7-10.
 - 1. Jesus knew the Father, John 14:7,8.
 - 2. Jesus showed Who the Father is, John 14:9.
 - 3. The works of Jesus proved His words true, John 14:10.

- C. Help for the believers on earth, John 14:11-31.
 - 1. Believers would do great works through prayer, John 14:12-15.
 - 2. The Holy Spirit would help the believers, John 14:16,17,26.
 - 3. Jesus would show Himself to the believers, John 14:18-25.
 - 4. Jesus gave His peace to the believers, John 14:27-31.

LOOKING AT JOHN CHAPTER 14

Men have divided the Bible into chapters and verses. Let us forget just now that a new chapter begins after John 13:38.

Peter asked Jesus, “Where are You going?” John 13:36. First, Jesus told Peter that he could not follow at this time. Then Jesus told Peter,

“You will say you do not know Me.”

Jesus told them He would leave them soon. Judas had left the group. Peter was going to deny Jesus. All this made the disciples sad. Their hearts were troubled.

What did Jesus say to the disciples? John 14:1

“Let your heart be .”

Why were they not to be troubled? John 14:1

“Ye in , , also in .”

Even if the disciples would sin they were not to give up their faith in God and in Jesus.

A. A home promised for believers in heaven, John 14:1-6.

1. Jesus prepared a place.

Where would Jesus prepare a place? John 14:2

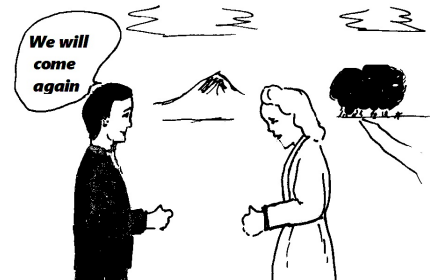


He said,

“There are many places to live in my Father's house.”

The New Life Testament says there are many rooms. This is God's house so God lives there.

After World War I many men came home from the army. The government told them they could have land in Alaska without paying for it. They had to go there, cut the trees, build houses, and plant the fields. If they did this for five years, the land would be theirs.



Some of the men who went to Alaska were married. Some were getting ready to be married. They could not take their wives with them. They could not take the girls they loved with them. When the men left, many cried. Those who loved these men were not happy. The women knew it would be a long time before they could be together again. Those who stayed at home hoped the men would come back for them.

2. Jesus will come again, John 14:3.

It is hard to be separated from those we love, even though we know we will be together again. Sometimes we may be separated by moving to a new camp. Sometimes we may be separated by death.



The wives of these men were happy when their husbands

came to get them. They had never been to Alaska. They heard much about Alaska from their husbands. The women were happy to go to their new homes. They would be living with the men they loved.

Jesus told the disciples He would come to get them. They would be with Jesus.

In whose house would they be? John 14:2

Jesus did not want His disciples to be troubled. They would be with Him and with God.

3. Jesus is the way to heaven, John 14:4-6.

The writer lived at God's Lake in northern Manitoba. One day he was asked to take a message to a family on the other side of the lake. It was late when he left the tent of his friends. He had to travel with a small boat. He used a small outboard motor on the boat. As the writer came close to a row of islands, he was not sure which channel would lead him home. It was too dark to see. He kept on going. At last he saw a little light. He turned the boat going toward the light. Soon more lights showed up. The writer found his way home. He was safe. If he had not seen the light, he would not have found his way home that night. The next day the wind blew hard but he was safe at home.

What did Jesus tell His disciples in John 14:4?

The New Life Testament says it this way,

"You know where I am going and you know how to get there."

But the disciples did not know where He was going. They had thought He would become king. Then Jesus told the disciples He would die.

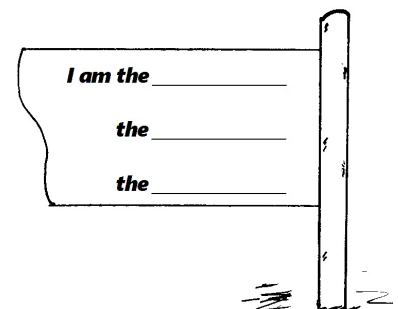
What did Thomas ask? John 14:5

"Lord _____?"

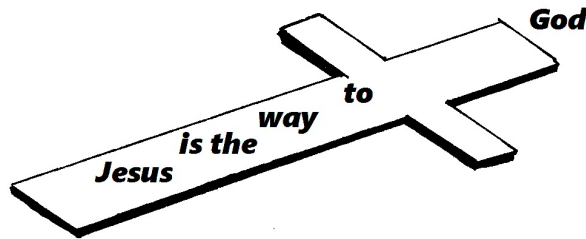
Thomas was honest. He did not hide his questions. Jesus had told the disciples He was going to His Father's house. But the disciples still did not understand.

What did Jesus say to them?

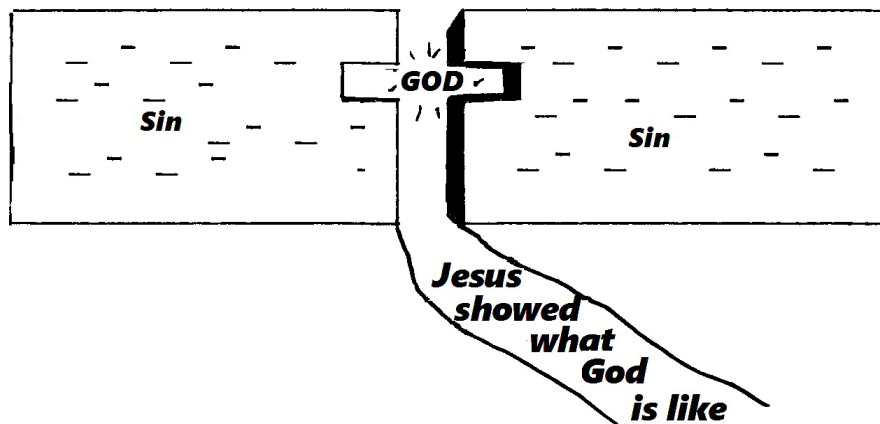
Was there any other way to come to God? John 14:6



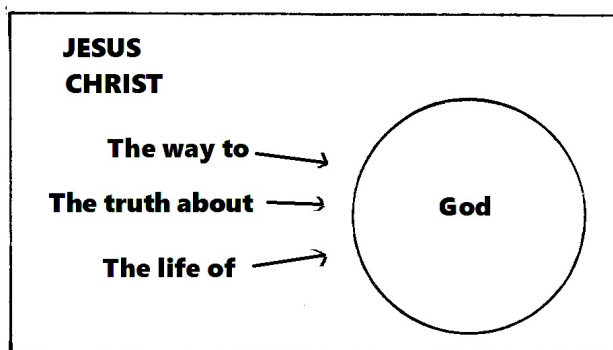
We could think of it like this:



Sin is between God and people like a thick dark wall. When Jesus died, He made a way through this wall of sin. Jesus is the only way to God.



Jesus Christ is the WAY and not only the sign which shows us the way. Jesus Christ is the TRUTH and not only the One Who teaches us the truth. Jesus Christ is LIFE, and not only the One Who gives life. (A. Martin, John - Life Through Believing, p. 93.)



John 1:14 (N.L.T.) tells us,

“We saw His shining greatness. This greatness is given only to a much-loved Son from His Father. He was full of loving favor and truth.”

Jesus Christ is God. Jesus Christ always spoke the truth. He spoke the truth in everything He said. This is why we can

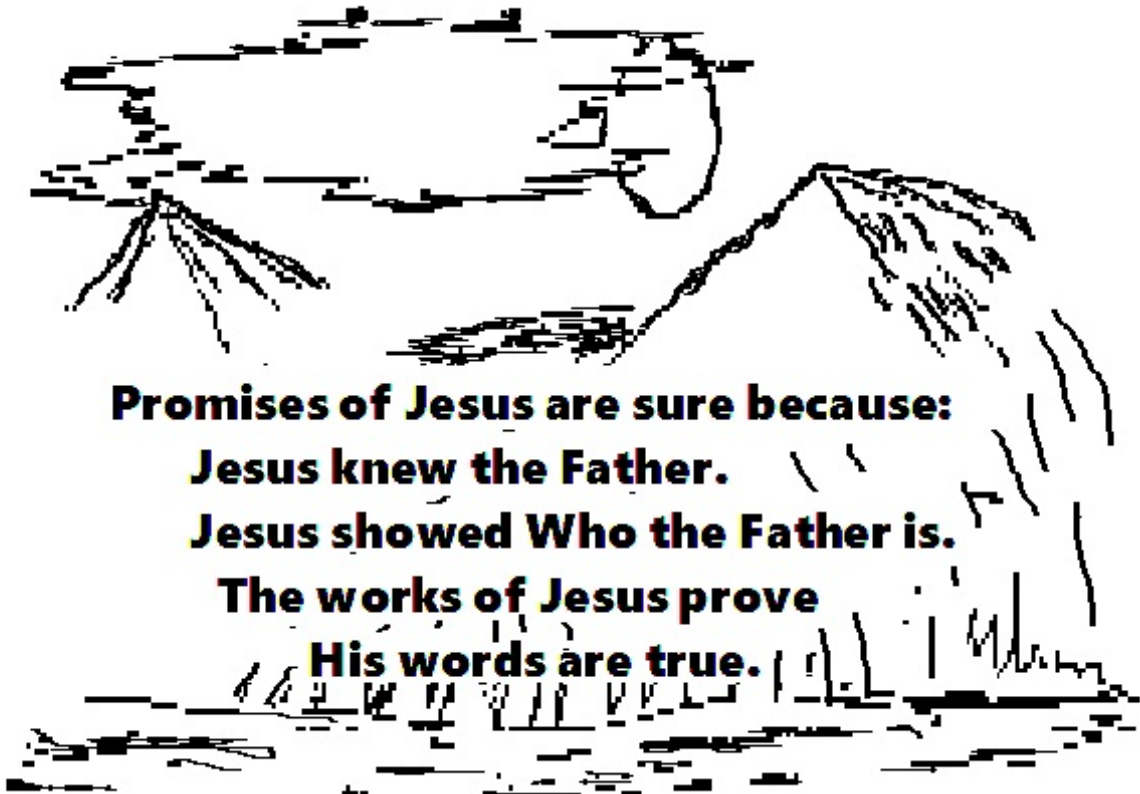
have salvation through Him. If Jesus told one lie, He could not have saved us.

John 1:3,4 (N.L.T.) tells us,

“He made all things. Nothing was made without Him making it. Life began by Him. His Life was the Light for men.”

B. Promises of Jesus for believers are sure because:

1. **Jesus knew the Father, John 14:7.**



Who is the only one who had seen the Father? John 1:18, 6:46

From where did Jesus come? John 6:38

Who sent Jesus? John 6:39

Did Jesus know God? John 7:29

Had Jesus been with God before He was born? John 1:2, 17:5

2. **Jesus showed Who the Father is, John 14:8,9.**

Philip asked Jesus, John 14:8,

“Lord us the and it sufficeth us.”

The New Life Testament says it this way,

“Lord show us the Father. That is all we ask.”

Had any man ever seen God before?

Philip had been with Jesus three years. It was a long time. Jesus asked Philip,

“Philip, have you not known me?”

Jesus said,

“. . . he that hath hath the .”

The New Life Testament says it this way,

“Whoever has seen Me, has seen the Father,” John 14:9.

3. The works of Jesus prove His words are true, John 14:10,11.

Jesus Christ is God. He never stopped being God, even when He became a man. He had the same power God had. But He did not use all His power while He was here on earth.

The disciples of Jesus heard the words of Jesus. They saw Him do miracles. They saw how He lived. Yet, the disciples did not realize that He was like God. They did not realize that He was equal with God.

Jesus said,

“Believe me that I the Father, and the Father .”

Sometimes we hear words like these about a boy, “I sure can see his father in him.” What do we mean when we say these words? We mean the boy looks and acts just like his father.

Jesus looked and acted like His Father in heaven. No one but God could do the miracles Jesus did.

This proved that He was .

C. Help for the believers on earth, John 14:11-31.

1. Believers would do great works through prayer, John 14:12-14.

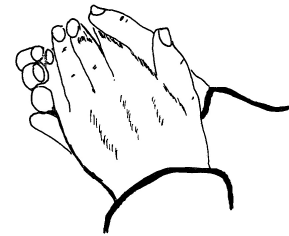
Jesus had done great works. He said His followers would do greater works. Jesus lived in one country on earth. He did all His miracles in one country. After Jesus left the world He would do miracles all over the world. Jesus would do these miracles through His followers. More great works would be done in more places.

Those who do great works must _____ in Jesus, John 14:12.

What else must a follower of Jesus do to do great works?

John 14:13

This is more than just saying, "In Jesus' name" at the end of a prayer. It means to ask for things Jesus would ask for. Jesus will answer in a way that God will be honored. When God works through us, we should give Him the honor.



What is the promise in verse 14?

Jesus is saying, "*I want to work through you, but you must ask Me.*" If you want to do great things like Jesus Christ did, you must ask Him to do it through you. Jesus will work through you to bring people to Himself. Sometimes we may feel the work is too hard. Jesus has promised you the strength you need to do the work, Philippians 4:13. If you need food or money to do His work He will help you get it, Matthew 6:25-34.

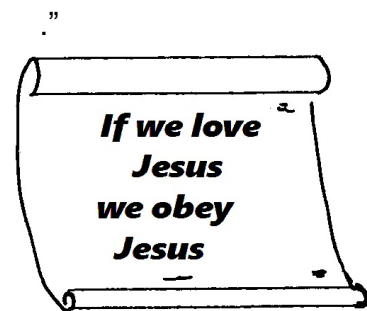
2. The Holy Spirit would help the believers, John 14:15-17,26,27.

Jesus gives a little test in verse 15.

"If ye _____ me,

Love and obey go together. If we love Jesus, we obey Him. When we obey Jesus, it shows we love Him.

Jesus had been with the disciples for three years. He led them, taught them, loved them and helped them. Jesus was a comfort to the disciples. He was their Comforter (Helper). He helped them with all their problems.



Jesus would soon leave them. He would send them (Helper).

Comforter

Who was this Comforter?

John 14:17 the

John 14:26 the

Let us learn some things about this Comforter, the Holy Spirit.

- 1) How long would the Comforter be with them?

John 14:16

He would NEVER leave them.

- 2) He is the Spirit of John 14:17.

The COMFORTER

Who is Truth? John 14:6

This Comforter would be like Jesus. He would always speak the truth.

- 3) At this time the Comforter was them.

But later He would be them, John 14:17.

This happened at Pentecost, Acts 2. In 1 Corinthians 6:19, we read

that our bodies are the of the Holy Spirit.

This means the Holy Spirit lives inside the believer.

- 4) The Comforter would them all things, John 14:26.

Up to this time Jesus had taught the disciples. After this time the Holy Spirit would teach them.

- 5) The Comforter would help them to what Jesus had said.

People forget much of what they hear. The disciples were to write down what Jesus said. The Holy Spirit would help them to remember these things. Even today the Holy Spirit helps us in all things.

3. Jesus would show Himself to the believers, John 14:18-25.

Promises Jesus made:

- 1) Verse 28 in the New Life Testament says,

“I will not leave you without help as children without parents.”

Jesus had called the disciples “little children” earlier. He loved them. He was going to help them.

- 2) Further Jesus said,

“You will see me.”

The disciples would see Jesus again. Did this happen? John 20:19

He said the world would see Him.

The people who did not believe in Jesus did not see Him after He arose from the dead.

- 3) Also the disciples would see Him again, John 14:18.

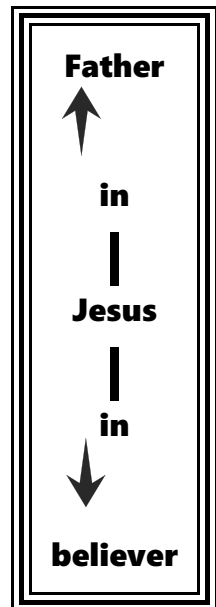
- 4) The disciples would know another truth:

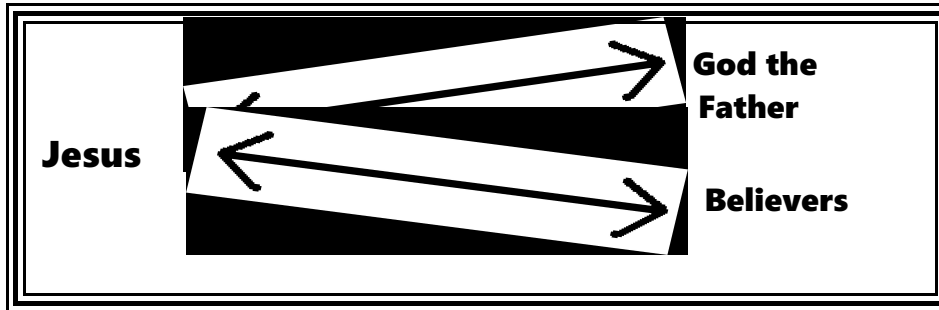
JESUS IS IN THE FATHER. JESUS IS IN THE BELIEVERS

- 5) Jesus knows what the believers need and tells the Father. Jesus knows what the Father wants and tells the believers.

Those who love Jesus obey Him. Jesus loves and tells the believers.

God loves and tells the believers, John 14:21.





Judas (not Judas Iscariot) could not understand. So he asked,

“Lord . . .”

The New Life Testament says it this way,

“Why is it You are going to show Yourself to us followers and not to the world?”
John 14:22.

We could think about Jesus' answer this way, (John 14:23)

- 1) a man Jesus,
- 2) he the words of Jesus,
- 3) the Father him,
- 4) the Father and Jesus will to him,
- 5) the Father and Jesus will their home with him.

Will God the Father make His home with those who do not love Jesus?

John 14:24 .

4. Jesus gave His peace to the believers, John 14:27-31.

Peace is to have quietness in our minds. Peace is to learn to think like God. When we have peace we are not fighting against God's will. We are not afraid of God. We will want to worship God forever, Romans 8:6,7.



Whose peace would Jesus give? John 14:27 .

Would He take the peace away? John 14:27

Jesus said, *"My peace I leave with you."*

Can the world give this kind of peace?

Again, Jesus said, John 14:27

"Let your hearts not be troubled, neither let it be said of you."

The disciples were not to be troubled because:

- 1) Jesus would prepare a place for them in heaven.
- 2) Jesus would not return again.
- 3) Jesus would make the way to heaven.
- 4) They would do great works through His name.
- 5) The Holy Spirit would help them.
- 6) Jesus Himself would be with them.
- 7) Jesus gave His peace to them.

Jesus was going away. The disciples were not to be troubled.

What were they to do? John 14:28

Why did Jesus tell the disciples these things?

John 14:29

If Jesus had not told them what was going to happen,

- 1) they would have been overcome with sorrow,
- 2) they would have been disappointed,
- 3) they would have lost faith.

Jesus was not going to talk much more with His disciples.

Why not? John 14:30

According to these verses and Ephesians 2:2, the prince of this world is against Jesus. The prince of this world is the devil. Jesus had done no sin. The devil could not accuse Him of any sin. He found nothing wrong in Jesus. But Jesus would give up His life to obey the Father.

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

1. Jesus prepared a home in heaven for believers, John 14:2.
2. Jesus will come again and take the believers to heaven, John 14:3.
3. The "I am" saying in this chapter is verse 6,
"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."
4. The promises of Jesus are sure because:
 - 1) Jesus knew the Father, John 14:7.
 - 2) Jesus showed Who the Father is, John 14:8,9.
 - 3) The works of Jesus prove His words are true, John 14:10,11.
5. The believers would do great works through prayer, John 14:12-14.
6. The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Truth and the Comforter (Helper).
7. At this time the Holy Spirit was with the disciples. Later the Holy Spirit would be in the disciples.
8. The Holy Spirit would
 - 1) teach the disciples,
 - 2) help the disciples remember what Jesus said,
 - 3) never leave the disciples.
9. The disciples would see Jesus again, but the people of the world would not see Him again.
10. Jesus would give His peace to the believers.

WORDS TO LEARN

1. comfort - to give relief or rest in time of sorrow or trouble.
2. comforter - one who gives relief or rest in sorrow or trouble.
3. disappointment - when something we hoped would happen did not happen.
4. peace - quietness of mind; oneness of thought; not to fight against the will of God.
5. prepare - to make ready.
6. promise - when a person tells us he is going to do something or not do

- something.
7. truth - that which is true; right in every way.

Lesson 15 - Review

Fill in the blanks.

1. (God) (Men) _____ divided the Bible into chapters and verses.
2. The disciples were sad because
 - 1) Jesus told them _____ would leave them soon.
 - 2) _____ had left the group.
 - 3) _____ would deny Jesus.
3. Jesus said He would _____ a place for the disciples.
4. Jesus said He would _____ again for the disciples.
5. Jesus is the _____ to heaven (God).
6. The "I am" saying in John chapter 14 is _____.
7. The promise of Jesus is sure because:
 - 1) Jesus _____ the Father.
 - 2) Jesus showed _____ the Father is.
 - 3) The _____ of Jesus prove His words are true.
8. Believers would do great works through _____.
9. The _____ would help the believers.
10. Those who love Jesus _____ him.
11. Jesus gave _____ to the believers.
12. Jesus was in _____ and in the believers.
13. Write out John 14:6.

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