

John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; 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 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.¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

REACT

Read Isaiah 55:8. We are unable to comprehend the ways in which God works. Can you think of a time God took disappointments in your life and turned them into something beneficial to you?



THE MOST FAMOUS CONVERSATION IN THE BIBLE

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”

(John 3:16).

TODAY: *“...he gave his one and only Son...”*

Scripture focus: John 14:1-14

Lesson Objective: To discover God's reliability and live each day aware of his presence in our daily life.

REWIND

Read John 14:1-14.

The Context: *Jesus is talking with his disciples the night before his death and had just finished predicting Peter's denial of him (13:38). Jesus started talking about going someplace they could not go. For almost three years they had gone everywhere with Jesus. They had given up their livelihoods to follow Jesus. Now it appeared that relationship was coming to an end. What changes were coming? Would the disciples have to fend for themselves when Jesus was gone? In vv.16-17 Jesus promises them the gift of the Holy Spirit--a promise that they surely didn't fully comprehend yet. And what were they expecting all along? Maybe they followed Jesus at least partly under the belief that his was an earthly kingdom of glory, not an invisible kingdom of grace--a common misunderstanding back Jesus day. With such a wrong understanding of the nature of Christ's kingdom, we still struggle, too.*



Watch "3:16" Video

Ask yourself: *What are some of the certain things in your life right now?*

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What are some of the "due north" markers by which we set our course in life?

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REFLECT

(v.1) - Why were the disciples troubled?

Jesus said there was no other way to the Father except through him.

The Greek word for "one and only" is a compound word--*monos* = "only"--and--*genes* = "unique, family, offspring. In the Bible lots of times it refers to one's children (So-and-so "begat" so-and-so). You see the same word earlier at the beginning of John's Gospel. The same idea is present in Psalm 2:7 (*See below*).

- **Psalm 2:7** - He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father."
- **John 1:18** - No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.
- **John 1:14** - The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(v.9) - What was at the heart of Jesus' question to Philip?

(vv.13,14) What does Jesus promise to do for us? What is the key to making requests of Jesus?

What troubling circumstances are you facing right now?
Consider the following areas of life:

Home:

Relationships:

Career:

Spiritual life:

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Talkin' Jonah in the belly of a whale
Talkin' three Hebrew children
And they're standing in a furnace, fiery furnace

But the fire didn't burn them, and the lions didn't bite
And the Lord reached down and you can be sure that
Everything turned out right
Oh you'll meet the Lord in the furnace
A long time before you meet Him in the sky

And where you are ain't where you wish that you was
Well your life ain't easy and the road is rough
But where you are is where He promised to be
From the ends of the world to every point of need

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That you'll find that He's right there

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