

# Jesus Answers Questions And Gives Assurances

## John 14

**Context:** His disciples are scared to death and very uncertain. It is the final week of Jesus life and He has told them that (1) one of you will betray me. (John 13:21-30) (2) One of you will deny me. (John 13:36-38) (3) I am going and where I am going you cannot come. (John 13:33;36-37) Naturally, they have many questions and need encouragement and reassurance. This is common with us as well. We need to understand His will and His love for us so we can get through fear and difficulty. Jesus answers their questions and reassurances the disciples in John 14 and we will examine these points and make applications. The end of this discussion with His disciples is John 16:1-4.

### 1. Where are you going? John 14:1-4

- a. Jesus is Himself deeply troubled in heart ( John 12:27) and Spirit (John 13:21)
- b. He says you trust in God, trust in me- John 1:12
- c. In my Father's house are many dwelling places. Verb means to remain
  - i. The old KJV translation of monē as "mansion" gives a more grandiose sense to this word than is justified. This is based upon the Latin Vulgate's translation of the plural of mone as mansiones.
- d. "The final aspect of this promise is stated in extraordinary language. Jesus says the ultimate result is that where I am (8:58), you also may be. Jesus hints that at his Second Coming believers will share in the "I am-ness" he presently enjoys. They will have unobstructed access to the glorious majesty of God the Father." (college press)
- e. If we aren't with God now we won't be then...**Why don't we long for Heaven more?**

### 2. Lord we do not know where you are going...How can we know the way- John 14:5-7

- a. Thomas may be thinking physical route
- b. I am the way. When it comes to fellowship with the Father, Jesus is the only port of entry, the only pass through the mountains, the only bridge over the river. No other way
- c. I am ... the truth. To know the truth is to know a person, Jesus Christ. He is Truth personified. When we know the truth, we really understand who Jesus is; we believe it with all our hearts; we stake our lives upon it.
- d. I am ... the life. But there is a supernatural, eternal life that transcends the limitations of biological creatures. It is this life that Jesus has in mind in verse 6; he is the life.
- e. God is a self-revealing God. We can know God because he has chosen to make himself known to us. And this self-revelation is perfectly and completely made in Jesus Christ (1:14; cf. Heb 1:1 That is why "knowing Jesus" is "knowing God."
- f. **What are some ways to know God better through Jesus?**

### 3. Will you show us the Father- John 14:8-21

- a. This is an enormous question...why? (Ex 33:20; John 1:18)
- b. Phillip had seen Jesus for 3 years now- v9
- c. “to see the Son is to see the otherwise invisible God.
- d. Jesus is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being” Heb 1:3
- e. Reassurances since we are One-John 14:12-21
  - i. Even though the disciples here may have been overwhelmed by sorrow (cf. 16:20), they are called to focus on the future rather than the present because most of the verbs are in the future tense in this section.
  - ii. Will do great works- v12
    1. GREATER? In the introduction to Acts he asserted that the “former book,” namely, the Gospel of Luke, detailed “all that Jesus began to do and teach” until his exaltation to heaven (Acts 1:1–2). The implication of the statement in Acts is not that Jesus ceased to work at that point but that Luke’s second volume implied that Jesus continued to work through the early Christians. Accordingly, when Peter heals Aeneas, Peter says, “Jesus Christ heals you” (Acts 9:34). The conclusion can only be that for Luke, Jesus was still active in mission; but although he was with God, he was now working in and through the church.
  - iii. Requests answered- v13-14
  - iv. The Helper- v15-17
    1. The Holy Spirit does what we could not possibly do
    2. “The one called alongside.” It was sometimes used within the Greek legal system, Spirit replaces Jesus, is an advocate and a witness, but also consoles the disciples.
    3. Guide them into all truth- 16:13
  - v. I will come to you- v18-21
    1. His resurrection- John 20:19;26 (personal language)
      - a. Verses similar (14:13-14; 16:20; 22-23
      - b. John 2:22- Everything changed after the resurrection

### 4. “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” John 14:22-24.

{He is Judas not Iscariot. This is probably the “Thaddeus” of the Gospels of Matthew and Mark (Matt 10:3; Mark 3:18), who seems to be called “Judas the son of James” in Luke’s lists (Luke 6:16; Acts 1:13).}

- a. This promise of the Son being “shown” has pricked the interest of Judas.
- b. He poses an objection in the form of a question, “Why not reveal yourself to the whole world?” (7:3–4). Why would He say that?
- c. Reassurances
  - i. The Helper is coming- John 14:25-26
  - ii. I leave you peace- John 14:27
    1. The Hebrew equivalent is shalom. It means more than just a lack of active warfare, a truce between two armies. For the Jew “peace” was personal well-being characterized by having a right and blessed relationship with God. Paul can later say of Jesus, “he himself is our peace” (Eph 2:14). Jesus

did not end all human wars, but he does make it possible to end the war between God and man. His death is our peace, our means of reconciliation with our Father. This knowledge of reconciliation allows the believer to not let his heart be troubled and to not be afraid.

- iii. I am telling you this so you will believe this time- John 14:28-29
- iv. He is coming but Satan has no claim on me- John 14:30
  - 1. This is Satan, particularly as he controls Judas Iscariot. Jesus implies, “he’s almost here” and when he gets here there will be no more opportunities to teach.
- v. I am doing God’s will- John 14:31
  - 1. “The world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.” Jesus’ demonstration to the world will be a display of obedience motivated by love. Thus, he will be revealed to the world, but on the Father’s required terms. Phil 2:8
  - 2. More likely verse 31 is preparing them for their final walk to Gethsemane, but Jesus still has a few more things to say.