

# That You May Believe – Gospel of John

## John 14:1-31

"The Way, the Truth, and the Life" – October 3, 2021



### **Introduction**

For three years, Jesus' disciples had walked with Him, heard Him teach and saw the signs that He did. In John 13, Jesus told them that one of them would betray Him. Then He told them that He was going away, and they would be able to come with Him. Chapter 13 ends with Jesus telling Peter that he would deny knowing Jesus. If Peter would fail, what would the rest of the disciples do? Where was God in all of this? What was God doing? Have you ever felt like that? Maybe you are confused and troubled today. What is God's remedy for a troubled heart?

### **Pray**

Before you begin, take some time to ask God to help you understand His word, to reveal what needs to change in you, and for the grace to follow Him in response. To help, use [Psalm 119:33-40](#) as a prayer for God to open His word up to you.

### **Sermon Outline**

- I. Trust in God the Father and in Jesus Christ. [Vs. 1-14](#)
- II. Receive the help of God's Spirit. [Vs. 15-31](#)

### **Read & Discuss**

#### 1) Read 14:1-14

It isn't difficult to see what was troubling the disciples. Their world was going to change drastically and not in the way they expected it. In the opening words of chapter 14, Jesus is getting the troubled disciples to look up and ahead. We don't know what tomorrow holds, but Jesus guarantees the end – a home and eternity in Heaven. Jesus is the way. He doesn't just show the way – He is the way. He uniquely and authoritatively shows us the truth of the Father, and He gives eternal life! We can trust Him. Whoever believes in Him will do "greater works" by the power of the Spirit Who will be sent to live in those who believe. The Holy Spirit will raise the spiritually dead and people will be transformed. Jesus reminds the disciples that prayer is essential to this. We can pray honest yet humble prayers and trust God with the answer.

What are some things that trouble you today? How does looking forward to Heaven help? What comfort and confidence is there in the exclusivity of Jesus' claim that we come to the Father through Him and not on our own merit or works? What evidence of the transforming work of the Spirit do you see in your own life and in the lives of other believers?

**Additional Reading:** John 10, Revelation 21 & 22

#### 2) Read 14:15-31

Jesus is going to ask the Father to send another helper – someone to walk alongside to help, to be an advocate.

- The Holy Spirit steps in for Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit is with His disciples forever.

-The Holy Spirit dwells in us intimately and powerfully.

The world cannot receive the Spirit of Truth – they are blind and dead. Jesus tells them that the Spirit has dwelt WITH them, but after Pentecost, the Spirit will dwell IN them. And not just the Spirit, but the Father and Jesus will make their home in us (Vs. 23).

Because of the Spirit's help, we can accomplish the mission that Jesus has left for us, and we can have peace – peace with God, peace with others and peace with self.

How does knowing that the Spirit will help you, give you confidence and peace to step out in obedience to serve God?

**Additional Reading:** Hebrews 13:5-6; Acts 2

### **Prayer of Response**

1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?

2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand*, *believe*, *desire*, or *do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come.

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<b>*Next week's sermon text:</b> we turn to <a href="#">John 15:1 – 16:4</a> <b>"That Your Joy May be Full"</b>
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