

# **John 14**

## **John 14.1-6**

**V1 – Why would their hearts have been troubled?** Because of the leaving of Judas, the coming betrayal of Peter, and the coming death of Jesus

**-What is the source of comfort when our hearts are troubled?** Believing in God and Christ

**V2 – What would compensate for the fact that Christ was going to leave the apostles?** He would begin preparing a place for them in his Father's house

**-What do we learn about heaven in this verse?** That there are many dwelling places there

**-There will be no shortage of room in heaven, and all are invited to be there**

**-Could the apostles trust Jesus?** Yes, he had never lied to them before and would not now

**V3 – What would Jesus do after preparing a place for his disciples?** Come and get them and take them to his place

**-What is Jesus' goal in preparing this place?** That we can be with him (what a great compliment to us)

**V4 – What information did he give them in this verse?** That they knew the way and could come after him

**V5 – Which apostle spoke up?** Doubting Thomas – he could not understand about all these dwelling places in heaven

**-He couldn't see them, couldn't feel them, and could not touch them**

**-Many times today in the church we see people who don't have enough faith**

**-They have to be shown that something will work before they will go along with it**

**V6 – What was the answer of Jesus to Thomas?** That he (Jesus) was the way, truth, and the life

**-How many ways are there to the Father in heaven?** Only one way: Jesus Christ

**-How would these words have cheered up the apostles?** That their separation from Jesus would not be permanent

**-We can stand anything if we know it will someday come to an end**

## **John 14.7-10**

**V7 – How can people know God the Father in this life?** By knowing Christ

**V8 – What question did Philip ask?** Just show us the Father, and it will be enough

**-What does this tell us about Philip?** Still very confused about the words of Jesus here – Philip's problem was very similar to Thomas' problem

**V9 – This is a mild rebuke of Philip**

**-How long had they been together?** About 3½ years (3 Passovers in four gospels)

**-What did Jesus tell Philip?** To know Christ was to know the Father in heaven

**V 10** – Where did Jesus get his authority to speak? From his Father

## **John 14.11-15**

**V 11** – What was the most important basis for believing in Jesus? To see the Father in him  
-But what was another way in which people could believe? Through the miracles

**V 12** – What did Jesus prophecy here? That the apostles would do miraculous works  
-Did this happen? Yes, on the Day of Pentecost, throughout *Acts*, etc.

**V 13** – How should a request be made? In the Father's name  
-Why are our prayers sometimes not answered as we would like to have them answered?  
Read James 4:1-3 (we ask with the wrong motives)

**V 14** – What would Jesus do concerning any request made in his name? Do it for the apostles

**V 15** – What would be the greatest sign of Christ in our lives? Doing his commandments  
-Many people will be deceived on this point on the judgment day - **Read Matthew 7:21-23**

## **John 14.16-21**

**V 16** – What was Jesus going to send to the apostles? The Helper (Holy Spirit)  
-How long would the Holy Spirit be with the disciples? Forever  
-How did the Holy Spirit help the apostles? Directly, with miracles, etc.  
-How does the Holy Spirit help us today? Through the Scriptures (*1 Cor. 13.10*)

**V 17** – Can the Holy Spirit be deceived? No

**V 18** – What touching statement did Jesus make in this verse? That they would not be left as orphans  
-What is so sad about orphans? No home, no place to go to

**V 19** – What did Jesus mean here? His death was approaching  
-But would the apostles see him again? After crucifixion and in the next life  
-“Because I live”? A reference to his resurrection from the dead

**V 20** – Possibly a reference to the Day of Pentecost or to the day of the ascension

**V 21** – What did Jesus emphasize here? Keeping to the commandments of Jesus (second time in this chapter)  
-How does Christ disclose himself to his followers? By their understanding of the scriptures

## **John 14.22-24**

**V 22** – Why does this say “Not Iscariot”? To make sure that no one confuses this apostle (also

called Thaddeus) with the one who had left to betray Jesus

**-Did Judas understand what Jesus had said?** No, he misunderstood Jesus – Jesus did not say that his disclosure was just for the apostles

**V 23 – What did Jesus say here?** That people would keep his commandments (the third time in this chapter)

**V 24 –** This is another reference to keeping the word of Christ (not just believing in Jesus or following the conscience)

## **John 14.25-31**

**V 25 – Why did Jesus say these things to the apostles at this time (and not just have it all put into the Bible later on)?** Because of their great discouragement

**V 26 – How would the apostles be taught all the words of Christ?** Through the Holy Spirit  
**-How would the Holy Spirit help the apostles?** Bringing those words to their remembrance

**V 27 –** A beautiful verse!

**-What was Christ leaving with his disciples?** Peace

**-What kinds of peace can the world give?** Drugs, cults, behavior modification, false doctrines, etc.

**-What are our hearts not to be?** Troubled or fearful

**V 28 – Why should they have rejoiced in knowing that Jesus was about to leave them?** Because he was going to the Father

**-This should be our same attitude at funerals for Christians**

**V 29 – Why was he telling them those things at this time?** To strengthen their faith

**V 30 – Why could Jesus not say a whole lot more?** Because Satan was coming for the crucifixion

**V 31 –** Guy N. Woods: Jesus asked them always stand up and make preparations to leave (so they were standing for *John 15-17*)

**-This makes more sense than saying that *John 15-17* were delivered in the streets of Jericho**

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