

# "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"

JOHN 14 · LESSON 17

"Let not your hearts be troubled. \_\_\_\_\_ in God; believe also in \_\_\_\_\_." (John 14:1)

What does Jesus want us to believe? What does Jesus want us to believe *about him*? He's provided a great deal in **John 14**.

"In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to \_\_\_\_\_ a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come \_\_\_\_\_ and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "\_\_\_\_\_ the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and \_\_\_\_\_ seen him." (14:2-7)

As Philip struggles to understand, Jesus continues to point to the signs he has provided throughout John's Gospel:

"Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the \_\_\_\_\_ themselves." (14:11)

And Jesus does not hide the fact that he is leaving from the apostles:

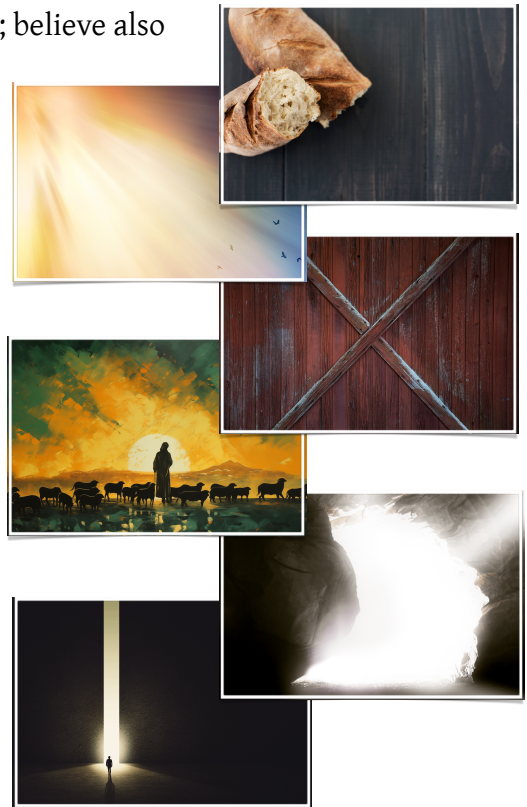
"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father." (14:12)

But the apostles were not going to be left on their own, without a guide.

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another \_\_\_\_\_, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you." (14:16-17)

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the \_\_\_\_\_, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." (14:25-26)

Clearly, on his mind and in his heart was the need to communicate: "If you \_\_\_\_\_ me, you will \_\_\_\_\_ my commandments" (14:15, 21, 23-24). He's given us a lot to ponder. Let's talk about it...



## For Class & Family Discussion:

- In your own words, what does it mean to have a “troubled” heart? Why might the hearts of the disciples in [John 14:1](#) have been “troubled”? Are there any similar ways our own hearts get “troubled” today?
- Jesus’ antidote for a troubled heart? “Believe in God; believe also in me” ([14:2](#)). Why? How do these help “troubled” hearts?
- According to [John 14:2-4](#), what is one of the reasons Jesus was going to leave?
- [John 14:6](#) is another of Jesus’ “I am” statements. “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” What does this mean? What do we need to understand? How does it apply to our everyday lives?
- In [14:7-9](#), Jesus makes a profound, extremely important statement. Let’s think through it together. What is Jesus claiming? Why does it matter?
- According to [14:16-26](#), what important role would the Holy Spirit play after Jesus had left?
- Why do you think, in this context, Jesus repeatedly brings up, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments”([14:15](#), [21](#), [23-24](#))?
- How do these things that we’ve discussed from [John 14](#) lead to “peace” ([14:27](#))?
- In [14:30](#), Jesus describes something dark, but also reveals an important thing about himself. What is he communicating? Why does it matter?