

The Gospel of John: Way, Truth, & Life

John 14:1-14

The Father's House (v. 1-3)

- Despite Judas' imminent betrayal & foretelling Peter's upcoming denial, Jesus seeks to comfort His disciples
 - This comfort comes through faith in God through Jesus
- Jesus assures that His departure is for a reason
- He is going to prepare a place for His people in His Father's house
 - The image is of a large home with space for all
 - This image is much like a groom who would add a wing to his family's home for himself and his bride
 - In the Parable of the 10 Virgins (Mt 25), Jesus uses this same imagery to describe our need to be vigilant for His return

The Way to the Father (v. 4-11)

- Jesus assures the disciples that they know the way to the Father
 - But Thomas tells Him that they don't
- Jesus states that He is the Way to the Father
 - He is the Truth of God incarnate (Jn 1:1, 14, 18; 5:19ff; 8:29; 20:28)
 - He is the source of Life (Jn 1:4; 5:26; ;11:25; 1 Jn 5:20)
- Jesus clarifies by stating that He shows the Father
 - The disciples misunderstand and want to see the Father physically
 - Jesus shows who the Father is:
 - Through His words, which reveal the Father
 - Through His works, which are the Father's power on display
 - Through His oneness with the Father

The Works of Jesus (v. 12-14)

- Jesus tells them that those who trust in Him will continue His works
- Throughout John, Jesus' works refer to His revealing of the Father to the world
 - This includes His signs, teachings, & even His death
- His disciples, including us, are to continue the work of making the Father know through our words and deeds
- This is only possible because Jesus is returning to the Father, where He acts as our advocate
 - Advocate: One who works on another's behalf
 - Thus, when we ask Him, He asks the Father for us (v. 14)
- Jesus says the work of His people will be greater than His work. This is because:
 - His work while on earth pointed forward to His glorification and thus was limited in its clarity
 - We point back to the finished work of Christ on the Cross & His resurrection
 - Jesus' work was localized in its audience
 - We are to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth

So What?

- Jesus is the only way to God. Are we following Him?
- Jesus commands us to continue His work of making the Father known. Are we showing those around us who God is through our words & deeds?

Meditation Verse: John 14:12

Next Week: John 14:15-31