

# THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

JUNE 11TH, 2023 // GOSPEL OF JOHN

## TROUBLE (JOHN 14:1-4)

### TROUBLED HEARTS

These disciples had their feet washed by the Messiah, they argued about who would be the greatest, John realized Judas would betray Jesus, and Peter's denial was predicted.

- **They were chosen but still had weaknesses. Christ would remind them of their foundation, not their faults.**

### YOU BELIEVE

Jesus reminds them that they believe in God and therefore believe in Him. There is a place in heaven for them and He will remove the veil that has kept them from the presence of God.

- **Jesus has made a way for each of us to enter heaven and live there with Him for eternity. Do you know the way?**

## THE WAY (JOHN 14:5-6)

### "...KNOW THE WAY?"

Thomas asked the question that is still asked today. How do we get there? Jesus clearly states that there is only one way to the Father.

- **False religion and good deeds are not the way. Jesus is the embodiment of truth. He is the giver of true life. He IS the way.**

## THE FATHER (JOHN 14:7-14)

### SHOW US THE FATHER

Philip, like us, wanted to see God, be in His presence, and KNOW Him.

- **What Philip was looking for was in front of him for the last three years. How long have we wanted to see more, be more, and know more? It may be right in front of us.**

### GREATER WORKS

Jesus isn't saying that they will be more powerful than Him. He will do greater things THROUGH them after His resurrection.

- **This is the power of our prayers today. Jesus will always respond to faithful prayer. Faithful prayer will always glorify God.**

## THE HOLY SPIRIT (JOHN 14:15-26)

### PRAYER AND OBEDIENCE

Jesus is clarifying the state of His relationship with His followers: He works through them, He answers their prayers, they love Him, and they live in obedience to Him.

- **When we live like these are conditions, we miss the security and joy of our relationship with Him.**

### COUNSELOR

Jesus tells them that another permanent, Counselor, the Spirit of Truth, is coming.

- **There are times when the Holy Spirit is our comforter. Here, Jesus shares that the Holy Spirit will come to encourage, strengthen, correct, and teach His disciples.**

## PEACE (JOHN 14:27-31)

### FEARFUL THINGS

Jesus identifies two of our biggest adversaries: the world and the Devil.

- **Jesus has overcome the world, and Satan has no power over Him. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus is in us, and we are in Him. We should rejoice in the victory that He has over OUR fears.**

## REALITY

- God knows that we are sometimes troubled by our weaknesses.
- **He continually reminds us of our foundation and our future.**
- **Jesus doesn't have unreasonable expectations of us. He does expect us to remember Him.**

## SIGHT

- We want to see God.
- **The Father is revealed in Jesus Christ.**
- **The best way to see God is to know Christ. We should read about, study, and speak to the One we want to know. As we grow in our relationship with Him, we will see more of Him in our lives.**

## PROOF

- Relationships aren't built on conditional clauses; they are about commitment.
- **As the Spirit of Truth is in us, we will be obedient and see Him work through us as we love Him.**
- **Jesus has initiated a relationship with each of us. Are we in The Way or in the way?**