

Jesus is the Way

Read: John 14:1-14

Main idea: Jesus comforts His disciples by assuring them that they will receive help from heaven while they follow Him on earth until they are with Him in heaven.

Key Verses: “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (14:6 ESV)

Key Principles:

- As a follower of Jesus, we must remember to trust in His promises in every circumstance, but especially during difficult times.
- Jesus did not leave His followers; He went home to prepare a place for His followers to be with Him forever.
- Religion teaches us that we have the ability to save ourselves, but the gospel teaches us that we are helpless and hopeless without Christ.
- Jesus repeatedly teaches His disciples that He is the exclusive way to the Father and that the only way to salvation is through Him.
- When Jesus says that His followers will do greater works than Him, He is making a distinction between His works on earth and His works from heaven through them.
- The power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Jesus’s disciples will not only be evident in greater works, but also through answered prayer.

Discussion:

1. Why are the disciples troubled? What remedy does Jesus offer them for their troubled hearts?
2. Why can the disciples have confidence even though Jesus is leaving? How should the promise that Jesus is preparing a place for you in heaven affect your life today?
3. What is the fundamental difference between all major world religions and Christianity? Why does the world find Christianity’s exclusiveness so offensive?
4. How is it possible that the followers of Jesus will do greater works than Him? In what ways has Jesus’s promise of greater works been seen?
5. What do you think is significant about praying in Jesus name? What is it about Jesus’s promise about prayer that gives us confidence and hope?
6. What types of things do you think we should pray for that will glorify the Son? How should you pray for yourself? How should you pray for others?

Prayer:

- Pray that we would have confidence in the promises of Jesus for this life and eternity.
- Pray:
 - That we trust the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives for our good & God’s glory.
 - That we would share the exclusive message of the gospel with everyone we can.
 - That we would remember that we are totally dependent upon God for every good work.

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| I. | Jesus offers the <u>promise</u> of heaven. | 14:1-3 |
| 1. | <u>Obey</u> the <u>command</u> of Jesus. | 14:1 |
| 2. | <u>Trust</u> the <u>promise</u> of Jesus. | 14:2-3 |
| II. | Jesus offers the <u>path</u> to heaven. | 14:4-11 |
| 1. | You must know Jesus to <u>get</u> to <u>heaven</u> . | 14:4-6 |
| 2. | You must know Jesus to <u>know</u> the <u>Father</u> . | 14:7-11 |
| III. | Jesus offers the <u>power</u> from heaven. | 14:12-14 |
| 1. | You can <u>do</u> great <u>works</u> | 14:12 |
| 2. | You will <u>receive</u> great <u>help</u> . | 14:13-14 |

NEXT WEEK:
Jesus Sends the Spirit
John 14:15-31