

## The Way, the Truth and the Life – John 14



MEMORY VERSE: Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:6

### DAY 1 JOHN 14:1-7 — The Way, Truth, and Life

1. Why would the disciple’s hearts have been troubled? vv.1; 13:21,33,38

2. What solution did He offer their troubled hearts? vv.1-4

3. What is your impression of Thomas from verse five?

4. What have you found to be helpful to you when you are troubled, or have questions or doubts?

5. How did Jesus respond to Thomas? What does His answer mean to you? vv.6-8

### LEARN THE TRUTH

As Jesus nears the cross, His main concern is that His disciples are prepared and have peace. He pours truth and promises into them so they can not only believe, but be strong in their faith. He is the only way to the Father, and He promises the Holy Spirit will help them in their faith and ministry.

### DAY 2 JOHN 14:8-11 — The Father and Son

6. What did Philip request of Jesus? What does this reveal about his faith or current state of mind? v.8

7. What truths did Jesus' proclaim in His response to Philip? vv.9-11
8. Jesus said, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip?" v.8b Can you relate to Philip's lapse of faith in any way? See John 1:43-46 for more insight.
9. The word, "know" is used 141 times in John's gospel. What do you think the difference is between "knowing" and "believing, and where do you think "faith" fits into this?
10. What added proof of Jesus' deity is offered to one who has doubts? v.11

### DAY 3 JOHN 14:12-14 —Greater Works

11. What amazing truth did Jesus state? v.12
12. Why do you think Jesus' "going to the Father" makes it possible for believers to do the same works as Jesus, and even greater works? v.12, see also 14:16
13. We know that no servant is greater than his master, nor messenger greater than the one who sent him (13:16). What works then could ever be the same or greater than those of Jesus?

Mark 16:15-20

Acts 5:12-16

14. What guideline did Jesus give His disciples for those greater works? vv.13-14

15. How can we know if what we are asking for in prayer is actually “in Jesus Name?”

John 3:16-17

Romans 12:1-2

1 John 5:14-15

#### **DAY 4** JOHN 14:15-24 — The Promised Holy Spirit

16. What is the evidence of our love for Jesus? Why do you think this is valid proof of love? v.15

17. What will Jesus do on behalf of His followers? Why will it benefit them, but not others? vv.16-17

18. Think about what it means to be an orphan. What promises does Jesus make to His followers so they will know they are not orphans? vv.18-20

19. How are Christ’s followers living proof that they are God’s children and not orphans? v.21

20. Contrast the life of an orphan with the relationship between God and His children. vv.22-24

## DAY 5 JOHN 14:25-31 – The Helper

21. What did Jesus promise His disciples? Where do you think we fit into this promise? vv.25-27

22. How is the peace Jesus gives us different from what the world has to offer? v.27

23. It makes human sense for the disciples to grieve and be troubled knowing that Jesus was going to leave them, but why should they rejoice instead? vv.28-29

Hebrews 7:22-25

24. What is about to happen, and what will be the result of that ordeal? vv.30-31

25. Think about times in your life when you were, or are now, troubled. What is God's message to you in the midst of your ordeal?

### LOVE THE TRUTH

Is your heart troubled? Do you have peace in the midst of turmoil? Because Jesus lives, we can live. "The last enemy to be destroyed is death," and Christ destroyed death! The ruler of this world had no claim on Jesus and he has no claim on us when we put our faith in Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:26)

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### The Way, the Truth and the Life

God's love and provision is limitless. It is hard to fully grasp Christ's infinite love for us, yet we must spend our lives doing just that. At this point in John's gospel, Jesus is just a few days away from the horror of the cross and yet His concern is for His followers. They do not understand where He is going, nor the way to go where He is going. They do not understand that they have seen the Father because they know the Son. They don't see why Jesus manifests Himself to those who love Him, but not to the world that does not love Him. They cannot see that they will actually be better off when Jesus leaves them because the Holy Spirit will come to live permanently in their hearts. In the midst of their confusion, Jesus wants them to have peace. None of us have perfect understanding, but we can have peace. True peace is resting in the work of Jesus Christ. We are forgiven from the past and have hope for the future and this can only come through Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

In order to experience the fulness of life in Christ, we must know truth and believe the truth we know. Our knowledge might be limited, but that doesn't change what is true. It is quite possible to believe lies, but that doesn't make them true. The more we know about God and His ways, the more we believe. It is also quite possible to have an abundance of knowledge but fail to actually believe what we know is true. Knowledge and belief must go hand in hand. Faith is believing in the One we know and what He says, even when we don't fully understand. Jesus promises that if we believe in Him, we will do greater works than He. How can this be? Jesus was limited by His humanity. He could only be in one place at a time and had contact with a small group of people. Today He changes the world through those who know Him. All things are possible with God. He can do anything, yet it is truly incredible that He does great things through confused and sinful humans. Because He went to the Father, He not only sent the Holy Spirit to help us, but He is interceding for us as we serve Him here on earth. (Hebrews 7:25)

Jesus said, "If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it." (v.14) The third commandment states, "You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain, for the Lord shall not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain." (Deuteronomy 5:11) When we choose to follow Christ, we essentially take His name and are united with Him. We must not take His name in vain by our prayers or lifestyles. We honor His name by praying according to His word, seeking His will, desiring for God to be glorified rather than ourselves, and asking Him to meet people's eternal needs.

### WALK IN TRUTH



Sometimes we feel like orphans, abandoned, alone and confused. The truth is, because Christ lives, we live. We are not only not alone, but we are loved and cherished by God. He does not hold our doubts and inclination to sin against us. When we believe in Him, He actually makes His home in us. The Holy Spirit resides in the one who loves God, and the one who loves God keeps His word and obeys His commandments. Are you confused, discouraged, feeling alone or afraid? Ask God if there is something in your life that needs to change. He will show you so you can better experience His power. God is with us and we must rely on Him for help. The ruler of the world is indeed active today, but he has no claim on Jesus, nor on the Father, nor on His Spirit. The Holy Spirit teaches us, gives us understanding, and helps us remember the truths and promises God has given. The world cannot give us the peace we long for and need, but true peace is ours when we walk in love, obedience and forgiveness and lean on the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Notes