



## ***The Dynamic Gospel Study Guide – Book of John***

### **Chapter 14**

1 The disciples were crushed by this news, so Jesus said “Come now - this is no time for despair; show a little faith! You say you believe in God. If so, put your faith in Me, too.

2 “There is plenty of space in My Father's house. If it was too small to fit everyone, I would have been selective in sharing the good news. But there are no worries about over-crowding. I'll make sure of that when I get there.

3 “There's no point in building a mansion if I don't plan to fill it up. I'll let you know when it's your time to join Me there. In fact, I'll be at the door to greet you Myself. And you'll have the run of the place.

4 “If you think about it a little, it's no mystery where I'm going, and how I'm going to get there.”

5 Thomas spoke before thinking anyway. “Master! You think we know where You're going? We haven't a clue. How are we supposed to sort out a mystery like this? What is this, 'hide and seek?’”

6 Jesus smiled sadly and said “I'm not hiding; I've already shown the way. In fact, **I AM** 'the way' - and **that's** the straight Truth. You won't live forever any other way. You won't find your way to the Father without following **Me**. No one gets around that truth, however inconvenient it might be.

7 “You talk of 'knowing the Father,' and claim to really know Me at the same time. Well, here's your clue - see Me, and you've seen Him. Get that into your brains right now and keep it there.

8 Philip answered, “Wow! If You can show us **the** Father, we can die happy!”

9 Jesus shook His head in exasperation. “You miss the point. How long have I been with you now? Do you **still** not see Me for who I am, Philip? Listen closely one more time - If you've seen Me, you've seen Him! How can you ask that, after all we've been through together?

10 “Is your faith that small? Can you not see that the Father is just as much 'in Me' as I am 'in Him?' My words are His words because He's living in Me. He who dwells in Me does His work through Me.

11 “You've got to understand that We are absolutely of one mind and mission. There's nothing in Me that doesn't come from the Father. At the very least, let the evidence speak for itself! Haven't I done enough with My own hands to prove the point?

12 “Oh friends - I'll tell you this: If any one of you truly lets this Truth soak down into his soul, his faith will burst forth with spiritual power and authority. He'll be unstoppable! Why? Because he has tapped into the same power I have. To that person I say “Go do mighty things in My name. I'm backing you up from Heaven every step of the way.”

13 "Then whatever's in your heart to do, just ask for help. And ask in person. When we're of one mind you **know** I'll do it, so that the Father gets the glory and honor through what I do.

14 "Again - If you ask anything of Me that glorifies the Father, I'll gladly do it. I have the family name to keep up.

15 "If ever you loved Me, love Me now by following closely what I have taught you.

16 "I will pray earnestly for you as you obey. You'll need God-strength and consolation to do it. He knows just Who to send. And this 'Spirit of Comfort' is something that will never be stripped away from you.

17 "He is also the 'Spirit of Truth' and never lies. The world can't comprehend the Truth and couldn't abide it even if they could hear. The world won't understand you because it doesn't understand Me. But 'God's Comfort' will be no mystery to you. In fact, He will be your greatest friend in trial. May He grow richly in your hearts.

18 "So don't think I'll leave you in despair. I will come to you in the hour of need.

19 "It's not long before the world will lose what little of Me they see. But you - you must never forget and keep it alive in your minds and hearts. Lean on this promise "I am fully alive, and so shall you be."

20 "One day you'll see with your own eyes that I am absolutely One with the Father. The likeness is not just some passing resemblance. In the same way you'll know how much a part of Me **you** really are and how much I have grown in you.

21 "He who knows My law and lives it is the one that really loves Me; and he will discover how much passion the Father has for His loving children. It will be a heavenly feast of love all around. Obey and you'll know Me better than ever."

22 The other Judas said to Jesus, "Master, how is it that You will throw Yourself wide open to us yet keep the rest of the world in the dark?"

23 Jesus answered, "Interesting question - We're not blinding anyone. We simply seek out those who obviously love and desire to live My words. That's where We want to be. We will find you, be with you, and remain with you. Why? Because real love always pursues.

24 "He who hates Me shows it by ignoring what I say and disobeying My words. That's straight from the Father and He's emphatic about it.

25 "I'll keep reiterating this point as long as I'm with you.

26 "But when the Great Consoler, the Partner and Friend, the Holy Spirit of God Himself comes, He will truly take My place among you. He's the best mentor there is. He'll teach you everything you need to know; He'll remind you of all you need to remember. Not a word I've said will be lost.

27 "Here's the greatest inheritance I can leave to you - PEACE. I give you every ounce of My own. Not worldly, momentary absence of struggle, but the kind that settles your hearts and minds, no matter the circumstances. Never a cause for worry or panic, so don't allow it.

28 "I know I've said things that seem like I'm pulled in two directions: First, that I'm compelled to go back to My Father. Second, that I will return to you. Frankly, if you really wanted My best, you'd throw a party and send Me packing as soon as possible, for My Father is so much greater than I. What joy!

29 "I'm declaring it here so you'll remember it when it happens. And it surely will. Whatever comes, it's designed to build your faith stronger and stronger.

30 "I won't have much more to share with you. The prince of this world is mounting up and when he arrives it will take the last drop of strength I have to face him.

31 “The world will at last see how much I truly loved My Father - obediently and without reservation. His command to Me will be totally fulfilled. Shake off the sleepies and put your shoes on – we'll need to get moving soon.”

## ***Explain the Context:***

From your reading provide a short answer to the following:

<b>What</b> is the theme of this chapter?	<b>What</b> is the BIG Idea?
<b>What</b> is something that surprised you?	<b>What</b> is this chapter <i>not</i> saying?

Take a moment to consider these questions:

- 1) The Latin term “mansio” is used for a traveler’s resting place. How does this compliment what you’ve learned about “heavenly mansions”?
- 2) What can we learn from Thomas’ speaking up? Does this give you courage to ask questions when you’re unsure?
- 3) Jesus says “if we know Him, we know the Father” How does this deepen your understanding of who He was?
- 4) Jesus talks about He and the Father being ONE. How are you and the Father ONE? How does “one-ness” with the Father give you freedom to speak for Him?
- 5) What does it mean (to you) to pray in Jesus name?

- 6) Why does Jesus call the Holy Spirit the “Spirit of Truth”?
  
- 7) Jesus left His followers with His peace. How is His peace different from the world’s peace?
  
- 8) Put yourself in the place of the disciples – How do you think you would have responded when Jesus told them He was going away?

## ***Apply the Scripture***

Write the verse that stood out to you while reading [in this translation or your favorite].

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How does this verse challenge you? Does it reveal an attribute of God's character?

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### **For further study:**

- 1 John 5:10
- 1 Peter 2:12
- Psalm 119:142
- Deuteronomy 7:12-13
- 2 Timothy 1:7