

JOHN 14:1-14

JESUS SHOWS

The room is filled with uncertainty; Jesus has spoken of betrayal, denial, and His coming departure.

The disciples are unsettled, caught between hope and confusion. In that moment, Jesus speaks tenderly, “Do not let your hearts be troubled” (14:1a).

He does not ignore the trouble. He redirects their focus: “believe in God; believe also in me” (14:1b). Their peace will not come from understanding everything but from trusting Him.

Then Jesus lifts their eyes beyond the moment. He promises that their future is secure: “My Father’s house has many rooms” (14:2a). This is not just about a place but about belonging. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus is preparing the way for them to be with Him.

When Thomas asks how they can know the way, Jesus gives one of His clearest declarations: “...I am the way, and the truth, and the life” (14:6a). He is not pointing them toward God; He is the way to God. To know Jesus is to know God.

In a room full of questions, Jesus gives a steady answer: trust Me. Your future is secure, and the way forward is not a path to follow, but a Person to trust.

DAILY READINGS

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| I. JOHN 14:1-14 | V. JOHN 1:1-18 |
| II. PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9 | VI. JOHN 5:19-29 |
| III. PSALM 42:1-11 | VII. JOHN 5:30-47 |
| IV. ISAIAH 35:1-10 | |

MEMORY VERSE: JOHN 14:6

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“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

Handwriting practice area with a grid of dots for letter formation.

DISCUSSION

What is something that lifts your spirits when you're feeling sad? Is there a person who can always brighten your mood, a place you go, a song you listen to, or a passage you return to? What never fails to encourage you?

Read John 14:1-14 aloud.

After everything that unfolded in Chapter 13—the foot washing, the announcement of betrayal, and the prediction of Peter's denial—how might the words of John 14:1-14 have encouraged the disciples?

What specific promises does Jesus make in verses 1-3? What do these verses reveal about our future with Him? How can these promises steady us when life feels difficult or uncertain?

In the first part of verse 6, Jesus describes Himself as the way, the truth, and the life. What does each of these claims mean? Spend some time reflecting on how each one shapes our understanding of who Jesus is and what He offers.

In the final segment of verse 6, Jesus makes a claim of exclusivity: "No one comes to the Father except through me." What might the disciples have thought about that statement? What do these words of Jesus mean for us today?

In verses 9-14, what is Jesus telling the disciples about His identity and His relationship with the Father? How would Jesus' followers be able to do "even greater things" after His death, resurrection, and ascension? How should we understand the promises in verses 13-14 for us today?

What does it mean to you personally that, as a follower of Jesus, you will one day be with Him? Who else are you eager to see in the presence of God? If you're unsure about your future hope, talk with your group leader or another trusted Christian friend about your questions. Close your time by thanking God for the gift of Christ and the promises found in this passage.



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