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John 14 Paraphrased



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Introduction

† Jesus is preparing His disciples for what is about to happen, His departure, and the transition into the fulfilled covenant reality

† This chapter is about assurance, access to the Father, and God's dwelling with His people

† From the fulfilled perspective, this is about what was completed in their generation

John 14:1

Don't let your hearts be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in Me

† Jesus is calling them to trust Him the same way they trust the Father (John 12:44)

† Their world was about to be shaken, so He steadies them with truth (Hebrews 12:26-28)

† Faith in Him was the only anchor in that transition

John 14:2

In My Father's house are many dwelling places, if it were not so, I would have told you, because I'm going to prepare a place for you

† The Father's house is God's covenant dwelling, not a physical location (Ephesians 2:19-22)

† The many dwelling places speak of positions within the body

† The preparation is His redemptive work being completed

John 14:3

If I go and prepare a place for you, I'll come again and receive you to Myself, so that where I am, there you may be also

† This coming was within their generation, not thousands of years later (Matthew 16:27-28)

† It was fulfilled in covenant judgment and transition

† Being with Him is union, not relocation

John 14:4

And you know the way where I'm going

† They had been shown the way already

† The way is not a place, it's Christ Himself

† Understanding was still unfolding

John 14:5

Thomas said to Him, Lord, we don't know where You're going, how do we know the way

† Thomas is thinking in physical terms

† This shows their expectation of a literal path

† The shift to spiritual understanding hadn't clicked yet

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Me

† Christ alone is access to the Father, not temple or law
(Hebrews 10:19-20)

† This ends the Old Covenant system

† Everything points to Him as fulfillment

John 14:7

If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also, from now on you know Him and have seen Him

† Christ is the visible expression of the invisible God
(Colossians 1:15)

† Knowing Him is knowing the Father

† There is no separation in revelation

John 14:8

Philip said to Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us

† Philip still expects a visible sign

† This reflects Old Covenant thinking

† He doesn't yet grasp that Christ is the full revelation

John 14:9

Jesus said to him, have I been with you so long, and yet you haven't come to know Me, Philip, he who has seen Me has seen the Father, how can you say, show us the Father

† Jesus makes it clear He is the revelation of God

† There is no other manifestation needed

† The Father is fully seen in Him

John 14:10

Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in

Me, the words that I say to you I don't speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works

† This is complete unity between Father and Son

† The works are the Father's works through Him

† This confirms divine authority

John 14:11

Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, otherwise believe because of the works themselves

† His works proved His identity (John 5:36)

† The miracles validated His message

† They had more than enough evidence

John 14:12

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he'll do also, and greater works than these he'll do, because I'm going to the Father

† Greater works refers to the spread of the gospel

† The message would reach beyond Israel

† This is covenant expansion, not bigger miracles

John 14:13

Whatever you ask in My name, that I'll do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son

† This is authority tied to their mission

† It is not a limitless promise outside context

† It was for the establishing of the New Covenant

John 14:14

If you ask Me anything in My name, I'll do it

† Again tied to apostolic work

† It confirmed their role and message

† It was specific to that transition period

John 14:15

If you love Me, you'll keep My commandments

† Love is demonstrated through obedience

† This defines true relationship

† It marks covenant faithfulness

John 14:16

I'll ask the Father, and He'll give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever

† This is the Spirit given in that generation (Acts 2)

† The Spirit remains, though gifts have ceased

† This was a major shift in covenant reality

John 14:17

That is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it doesn't see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you

† The world here is unbelieving Israel

† The Spirit would dwell within believers

† This is New Covenant indwelling

John 14:18

I won't leave you as orphans, I'll come to you

† This is covenant presence

† Fulfilled in His coming in judgment

† And in the indwelling Spirit

John 14:19

After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me, because I live, you will live also

† This is about spiritual life

† Not physical sight

† Life in Him continues through covenant union

John 14:20

In that day you'll know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you

† This is full union realized

† Fulfilled in the New Covenant

† Complete identification with Him

John 14:21

He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me, and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I'll love him and will disclose Myself to him

† Obedience reveals love

† Love brings revelation

† Christ makes Himself known to the faithful

John 14:22

Judas, not Iscariot, said to Him, Lord, what then has happened that You're going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world

† Still expecting a visible revealing

† Missing the spiritual nature of it

† This shows their confusion

John 14:23

Jesus answered and said to him, if anyone loves Me, he'll keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We'll come to him and make Our dwelling with him

† God dwells with His people

† This is the true temple reality (Revelation 21:3)

† Fulfilled in the New Covenant body

John 14:24

He who doesn't love Me doesn't keep My words, and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me

† Rejecting Christ is rejecting God

† This is why judgment came on Israel

† The message is from the Father

John 14:25

These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you

† He prepared them ahead of time

† So they wouldn't be shaken

† Everything was foretold

John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He'll teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you

† This was for the apostles

† It ensured accurate teaching

† It preserved the truth

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you, don't let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful

† This is covenant peace

† Not dependent on circumstances

† It anchors the believer

John 14:28

You heard that I said to you, I go away, and I'll come to you, if you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I

† His going was necessary

† It led to fulfillment

† The coming again is tied to that process

John 14:29

Now I've told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe

† Fulfillment confirms faith

† Prophecy was for them

† It strengthened their trust

John 14:30

I won't speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is

coming, and he has nothing in Me

† The ruler is tied to the opposing system

† Satan working through that structure

† He had no claim on Christ

John 14:31

But so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me, get up, let's go from here

† Christ is perfectly obedient

† This leads to the cross

† Fulfillment is about to happen

Historical References

† Josephus, Wars of the Jews, records the destruction of Jerusalem

† Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History, records fulfillment in that generation

† Irenaeus, Against Heresies, affirms Christ as full revelation

† Clement of Alexandria, Stromata, speaks of God's indwelling knowledge

How it applies to us today

† We already have access to the Father

† We live in God's dwelling now

† We are in union with Christ

† We rest in fulfilled reality

† We don't wait for another coming

Q & A Appendix:

Q: Did Jesus go to prepare a place in heaven

A: No, He prepared the New Covenant dwelling (Ephesians 2:19-22)

Q: When did He come again

A: In their generation in fulfillment (Matthew 24:34)

Q: What is the Father's house

A: God's dwelling with His people (Revelation 21:3)

Q: Are we waiting to go somewhere

A: No, we are already in Him (Colossians 3:3)

Q: What peace did He give

A: Covenant peace through fulfillment (Romans 5:1)

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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