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## John 14

### John 14:1

"Do not let your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me."

† Jesus comforted His disciples on the eve of His departure. Faith in Him is equal to faith in God, affirming His divinity.

### John 14:2-3

"In My Father's house are many rooms; if that were not so, I would have told you, because I am going there to prepare a

place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, there you also will be."

† This was not about physical mansions, but covenantal dwelling with God. Through His death, resurrection, and ascension, He prepared access into the Father's presence.

† Chrysostom emphasized that the "many rooms" signify space for both Jews and Gentiles, united in Christ.

### **John 14:4-6**

"And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going; how do we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me."

† Jesus is not merely a guide but the way itself. Access to the Father is exclusive through Him.

† Ignatius of Antioch affirmed this as the foundation of Christian faith against heresies.

### **John 14:7-9**

"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? The one who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

† Christ revealed the Father perfectly. To see Him is to see God's character and essence.

### **John 14:10-11**

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own, but the Father, as He remains in Me, does His works. Believe Me

that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves."

† His unity with the Father was shown in both word and work. Miracles confirmed His divine mission.

### **John 14:12-14**

"Truly, truly I say to you, the one who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I am going to the Father. And whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it."

† The "greater works" were not greater miracles, but the expansion of the gospel through the Spirit.

† Augustine said these works were greater because they were spiritual transformations of nations, not just physical healings.

### **John 14:15-17**

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, so that He may be with you forever; the Helper is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him. But you know Him, because He remains with you and will be in you."

† Love for Christ is shown by obedience. The promised Spirit, the Paraclete, would indwell believers as guide and comforter.

† The Dead Sea Scrolls (1QS 4.21) spoke of the Spirit of truth guiding the righteous, anticipating Christ's promise.

### **John 14:18-20**

"I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. After a little while the world no longer is going to see Me, but you are going to see Me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I in you."

† His presence through the Spirit meant no abandonment. The union of Father, Son, and believers was secured.

### **John 14:21**

"The one who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will reveal Myself to him."

† Love and obedience are inseparable. Revelation of Christ is given to those who love Him.

### **John 14:22-24**

Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, what has happened that You are going to reveal Yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will follow My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him. The one who does not love Me does not follow My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me."

† Revelation of Christ is relational, not merely intellectual. The Father and Son dwell in obedient believers.

### **John 14:25-26**

"These things I have spoken to you while remaining with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and remind you of all that I said to you."

† The Spirit would ensure the apostles' accurate recall and understanding, guaranteeing the reliability of Scripture.

### **John 14:27**

"Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor fearful."

† His peace is not circumstantial but spiritual, rooted in reconciliation with God.

### **John 14:28-29**

"You heard that I said to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe."

† The Father is "greater" in role, not essence. The Son's return to the Father was cause for rejoicing, ensuring their belief.

### **John 14:30-31**

"I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in regard to Me, but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I am doing exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let's go from here."

† Satan had no claim over Jesus. His obedience to the Father's command proved His love.

### **How it applies to us today**

† Christ alone is the way, the truth, and the life.

† His Spirit indwells us, ensuring guidance, teaching, and comfort.

† Love for Him is proven in obedience, not words alone.

† His peace conquers fear, even in trials.

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

### **Source Index**

† Chrysostom, Homilies on John – many rooms as unity of Jews and Gentiles

† Ignatius of Antioch – Christ as the exclusive way

† Augustine, Homilies on John – greater works as spiritual transformation

† Dead Sea Scrolls, 1QS 4.21 – Spirit of truth guiding the righteous

† Irenaeus, Against Heresies – Christ's peace and union with the Father

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