

“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”

The Gospel of John


John 14:1–14

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1. Jesus has just told his disciples that he is leaving and they cannot now follow him. Judas is about to betray Jesus. Peter, though having just declared his utmost loyalty to Jesus, learns that he will disown him before daybreak. What does Jesus want his disciples to focus on? (v. 1)

2. At this crucial moment Jesus tells his disciples about his Father’s house.
 - a. How does he describe it? (v. 2)


 - b. What will he do there? (v. 2)

 - c. What does he promise that will comfort them? (v. 3; * 1 Thess. 4:15–18)

 - d. This language of returning home to the Father’s house where preparations are being made for our arrival is full of comfort, security and affection. What is the only way we can be a part of the “going home”? (Jn. 1:12–13; 8:34–36)


3. Thomas was troubled because he was “looking for a literal road map, complete with specific directions that would enable him to know how to get to where Jesus is going.”¹ What does Jesus say is the only way to the Father? (v. 6;  Mt. 11:27; Eph. 2:17–18)

4. How is Jesus...

THE way? (v. 6b; Col. 1:19–22;  Heb. 10:19–22)

THE truth? (Jn. 1:17–18; Col. 2:2–3; Heb. 1:1–2)

THE life? (Jn. 1:4; 5:24–26; 11:25–26)

*The  symbol indicates verses for further study.

¹ Andreas J. Köstenberger, *Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament: John*. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2004), 428.

5. Why is it essential that the Father sent Jesus? (v. 6b; Jn. 1:18)

6. Philip now says that all he wants is to see the Father.
 - a. What does Philip's question show that he has clearly missed in his relationship with Jesus? (v. 9; Jn. 12:44–45)

- b. How can Philip get what he wants? (v. 11)

7. Jesus' relationship with the Father is unlike any human relationship.
 - a. What is unique about their relationship? (vv. 10–11)

- b. What evidence does Jesus say proves this? (v. 11;  Jn. 5:36; 10:37–38)

8. What does Jesus say his followers will do? (v. 12)

What will enable them to do these things? (v. 12b; Jn. 15:26–27)

9. Though Jesus is departing, his followers will still have access to him through prayer.
 - a. What is the goal of our prayers? (v. 13)

- b. Within the context of doing what Jesus has been doing (v. 12) and bringing glory to the Father (v. 13), what promise does Jesus make? (v. 14; consider also 1 Jn. 5:14)

10. By faith, believe Jesus' promise and pray boldly for the kingdom and your part in it.