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Main Passage: John 14:1-29

Study Guide Overview

This episode pictures for viewers the most intense confrontational moments Jesus had with the religious leaders of His day. The show runners do an excellent job of balancing tense moments with humor so that viewers come away in awe more than with heavy hearts. The promises Jesus shares with His disciples and the compassion He shows for the broken Jerusalem will help believers better understand Jesus' immense care and love for them. Students of the passages from this episode will be encouraged in their faith and challenged to draw even closer to their Savior.

Group Conversation Starter

What are some ways you find peace or reset yourself when you're in tough times?

Bible Passages

John 14:1-29 NLT

- 1 "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me.
- 2 There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?
- 3 When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.
- 4 And you know the way to where I am going."
- 5 "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?"
- 6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.
- 7 If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!"
- 8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."



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9 Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you?”

10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me.

11 Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do.

12 “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

13 You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.

14 Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

15 “If you love me, obey my commandments.

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you.

17 He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

18 No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you.

19 Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live.

20 When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

21 Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them.”

22 Judas (not Judas Iscariot, but the other disciple with that name) said to him, “Lord, why are you going to reveal yourself only to us and not to the world at large?”

23 Jesus replied, “All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them.



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24 Anyone who doesn't love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me.

25 I am telling you these things now while I am still with you.

26 But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

27 "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

28 Remember what I told you: I am going away, but I will come back to you again. If you really loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, who is greater than I am.

29 I have told you these things before they happen so that when they do happen, you will believe.

Ephesians 1:13-14 NIV

13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Matthew 23:1-39 NLT

1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,

2 "The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of Moses.

3 So practice and obey whatever they tell you, but don't follow their example. For they don't practice what they teach.

4 They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.



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- 5 “Everything they do is for show. On their arms they wear extra wide prayer boxes with Scripture verses inside, and they wear robes with extra long tassels.
- 6 And they love to sit at the head table at banquets and in the seats of honor in the synagogues.
- 7 They love to receive respectful greetings as they walk in the marketplaces, and to be called ‘Rabbi.’
- 8 “Don’t let anyone call you ‘Rabbi,’ for you have only one teacher, and all of you are equal as brothers and sisters.
- 9 And don’t address anyone here on earth as ‘Father,’ for only God in heaven is your Father.
- 10 And don’t let anyone call you ‘Teacher,’ for you have only one teacher, the Messiah.
- 11 The greatest among you must be a servant.
- 12 But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.
- 13 “What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you shut the door of the Kingdom of Heaven in people’s faces. You won’t go in yourselves, and you don’t let others enter either.
- 15 “What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you cross land and sea to make one convert, and then you turn that person into twice the child of hell you yourselves are!
- 16 “Blind guides! What sorrow awaits you! For you say that it means nothing to swear ‘by God’s Temple,’ but that it is binding to swear ‘by the gold in the Temple.’
- 17 Blind fools! Which is more important—the gold or the Temple that makes the gold sacred?
- 18 And you say that to swear ‘by the altar’ is not binding, but to swear ‘by the gifts on the altar’ is binding.
- 19 How blind! For which is more important—the gift on the altar or the altar that makes the gift sacred?
- 20 When you swear ‘by the altar,’ you are swearing by it and by everything on it.
- 21 And when you swear ‘by the Temple,’ you are swearing by it and by God, who lives in it.



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22 And when you swear 'by heaven,' you are swearing by the throne of God and by God, who sits on the throne.

23 "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.

24 Blind guides! You strain your water so you won't accidentally swallow a gnat, but you swallow a camel!

25 "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence!

26 You blind Pharisee! First wash the inside of the cup and the dish, and then the outside will become clean, too.

27 "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people's bones and all sorts of impurity.

28 Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness.

29 "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you build tombs for the prophets your ancestors killed, and you decorate the monuments of the godly people your ancestors destroyed.

30 Then you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would never have joined them in killing the prophets.'

31 "But in saying that, you testify against yourselves that you are indeed the descendants of those who murdered the prophets.

32 Go ahead and finish what your ancestors started.

33 Snakes! Sons of vipers! How will you escape the judgment of hell?

34 "Therefore, I am sending you prophets and wise men and teachers of religious law. But you will kill some by crucifixion, and you will flog others with whips in your synagogues, chasing them from city to city.



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35 As a result, you will be held responsible for the murder of all godly people of all time—from the murder of righteous Abel to the murder of Zechariah son of Berekiah, whom you killed in the Temple between the sanctuary and the altar.

36 I tell you the truth, this judgment will fall on this very generation.

37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God’s messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn’t let me.

38 And now, look, your house is abandoned and desolate.

39 For I tell you this, you will never see me again until you say, ‘Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

Questions and Next Steps Below



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Group Discussion Questions

1. What excites you most about Jesus' promise to come get His believers and take them to the place He's been preparing for them? What do you imagine our heavenly home will be like? (John 14:1-4)
2. What does Jesus mean when He said that He is the **way**, the **truth**, and the **life** and that no one can come to the Father except through Him? Jesus told Philip that if you've seen Jesus, you've seen the Father. What was Jesus helping the disciples understand? (John 14:5-14)
3. Jesus encouraged the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit. What is the focus of the Holy Spirit's presence in believers' lives? What did Jesus mean when He said, "He (the Holy Spirit) lives **with** you now and later will be **in** you?" Why will the Holy Spirit never leave a believer? (John 14:15-18; Ephesians 1:13-14 NIV)
4. When Jesus confronted the Jewish religious leaders in the Temple, He told the crowds to practice what they taught but not to follow their example. Why did Jesus tell the crowds this? What were the practices that Jesus didn't want them to follow? (Matthew 23:1-15)
5. Why is Jesus so heartbroken over Jerusalem's brokenness? What do we see in Jesus' sorrow that could apply to Christians today? (Matthew 23:37-39)

Personal Next Steps

- **Self-Check**

- In what ways is Jesus the **way** in your life? In what ways is Jesus the **truth** in your life? In what ways is Jesus your **life**?
- The Holy Spirit living in Christians brings comfort, wisdom, and guidance. When was the last time you felt Him leading you? If it's been a while, how could you be more sensitive to His influence in your life?

Continuing the Conversation

Who do you know that would be encouraged by understanding that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life? How would you start a conversation with them?

Pray

Thank God that His Holy Spirit living in you is the guarantee of your eternal life in heaven.

