

Lesson 41 John 14:1- 14:14 "I AM" the Way, the Truth and the Life

Pray: Before you begin lift your heart to God and ask for the Spirit's help as you read the passage and work through these questions in His divine presence and you certainly will be given understanding.

Background

The Jews and "One God" : For most Jews pairing faith in Jesus with faith in the Father was blasphemous. The first line of the Shema was Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! This was recited morning and evening by every pious Jew.

"Father's House" : To an Old Testament Jew God's House would be the place of His presence. For the disciples this would most likely bring to mind The Temple in Jerusalem.

Thomas and Philip's Questions to Jesus: In Jesus' day it was the custom for disciples to ask their teachers questions in order to clarify what they were being taught.

Key Words:

Believe : " **pisteuo**" to have faith in, by implication to entrust (especially one's spiritual well being to Christ) : to believe, to commit (to trust), put in trust with (Strong's)

way : "**hodos**" a road, the route; journey, a highway (Strong's)

In Chapter 13, the disciples learn that one of their own will betray Jesus. They also learn that Peter will deny Him.. In a few hours their Master will be arrested and on the following day He will die as a common criminal on a Roman cross. Jesus has a few hours left with them and He shares with them that which is meant to encourage them. This encouragement is especially needed for their faith which will be shortly tried and tested.

Read John 14:1-14

1. In 14:1 What does Jesus say is the remedy for a troubled heart?

2. Next Jesus encourages the disciples with teaching about heaven. What can we learn of heaven from Jesus in 14:2-3?

Application: As we go through hard trials how can we be encouraged by Jesus words in 14:1-3? What in these verses is especially comforting or meaningful to you?

3. In 14:6 Jesus makes His 6th "I AM" statement. He states that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

He is the Way to the Father: What can you learn about this from the following verses:

John 10:9 -

Acts 4:12-

Ephesians 2:18-

He is the Truth. What can you learn about this from the following verses:

John 1:14,17-

1 John 5:20

He is the Life. What can you learn about this from the following verses:

John 1:4-

John 5:21 -

John 14:19-

Application: By prefacing his statement with "I am" Jesus reminded the disciples and us that "He is God" and expanded on that by stating He was the way, the truth and the life and the only way to the Father. He wanted them to "believe" this as He went to the cross. How can believing this be an encouragement and comfort as we face the hard trials, temptations, and crosses of our own lives?

4. In 14: 7-11, what does Jesus want the disciples to "believe about Jesus , the Father and themselves?

5. What does Jesus tell them in 14:12-14 about their future? What are they to do in order for this promise to be fulfilled in their lives?

Application: How has God used you to further His kingdom?