

The Final Days of Jesus
HOLY SPIRIT 201
Tuesday, March 17
Reading: John 14:25-31

John 14:26 *But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

The Holy Spirit would be the DIVINE TEACHER (14:25-26). Until now Jesus had been the disciples' Teacher. But just as He would not leave them without another Comforter, so He would not leave them without a Source of truth. The Holy Spirit would continue Jesus' ministry of teaching. In the immediate future, this was a promise of the inspiration of Scripture as the Spirit would bring Jesus' words back to the apostles so they could record them.

The Holy Spirit would also bring DIVINE PEACE (14:27-31). To the world, peace is merely the absence of conflict. But true peace carries the idea of completeness, wholeness, contentment, health, prosperity, and harmony. The world cannot know this peace because they do not have the Spirit dwelling in them through faith in Jesus Christ. For believers, the peace of God cures a troubled and fearful heart (Philippians 4:7). Jesus' departure should bring His followers joy as He completed the work of salvation, returned to the Father, and sent the Holy Spirit to indwell them. It would increase their faith as they saw all that Christ promised coming true.

A final word of peace Jesus gave His disciples was that Satan would not have victory over Him. Though in the coming hours all would seem to be lost, the end result would be Satan's defeat and the opening of salvation. Just as the test of the disciples' love was their obedience, Jesus would demonstrate His love by obedience to His Father's command. With these words echoing in their ears, Jesus and the disciples leave the upper room.

LESSON ONE: "Holy Spirit Will Teach You All Things." The Holy Spirit's work in the inspiration of Scripture was limited to those He inspired to write the Old & New Testaments. Today, the Spirit takes those words and illuminates our hearts with the truth of God. Only through the teaching of the Holy Spirit is the Bible "useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). When was the last time the Spirit helped you discover and apply the Bible to your life? Are you open to His teaching and training you?

LESSON TWO: "The Father is Greater than I." Cults like to grab this verse to prove that Jesus is not God. However that is not what Jesus is saying. While on earth the Father was greater than Christ because He subordinated His will to the Father in the Incarnation. He "was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death" but is now "crowned with glory and honor" (Hebrews 2:9). With His work of salvation completed, the Lord Jesus would return to the full divine glory and power He had laid aside to come to earth and live as a man. We are called to have this same attitude of humility (Philippians 2:1-11). If we live for Christ, one day we will receive our reward in heaven – crowns that we can lay at Jesus' feet in praise and worship. How is your attitude? Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to comfort and have control of your heart?