



Sermons of the Savior

John 14:1-11

Lesson 16

John 14 begins the final teachings of Jesus as He met with His disciples in the upper room the night He was betrayed. We find in His words both His concern for their lives here on earth and His equipping to live those lives in a way that fulfills their purpose and glorifies their Lord. As we “eavesdrop” on the conversation, may His words find the same place in your life as they did in His disciples.

OBSERVATION: Read John 14:1-11

1. Read through this week’s verses using both your Observation Worksheet (the last page of this homework) and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?
2. Key words help us to better understand the verses. We have listed below key words. Mark each one in a distinctive way (either with a symbol, highlighting, or some form of boxing, circling, or underlining). Mark each of the key words each time they are used in the text. Remember to mark any personal pronouns that refer to *Jesus* or *Father*.
Key Words: *Father (God), Jesus, believe, and know(n)*
3. Verses 9 and 10 contain contrasting words (*yet, but*). Mark each one. Choose one and record what is being contrasted.
4. These verses in John reveal the relationship of *Jesus* and the *Father*. Make a list of the ways They are connected or related.
5. What are we to *believe*?

CONSIDER THESE THINGS:

1. What is it about your home that makes it feel like home to you?
2. In what way do you sometimes feel that this world is not your home?
3. In what ways do you resemble your parents?

IN THE UPPER ROOM: John 13

1. John 13 records the events preceding Jesus' final words to His disciples before their walk to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus was betrayed and arrested. Scan the chapter and title or briefly record the events that occurred in each section. Secondly, reflect upon Jesus' statements in each section. Choose one statement and write it in the space provided.

- a. John 13:1-17 – **Event(s):**

Statement of Jesus:

- b. John 13:18-30 – **Event(s):**

Statement of Jesus:

- c. John 13:31-35 – **Event(s):**

Statement of Jesus:

- d. John 13:36-38 – **Events(s):**

Statement of Jesus:

2. Given the events of this chapter, what do you think the mood was like in the upper room that night?
 - a. If you were one of the disciples, what might you have been thinking?

THE MANSION BUILDER: Read John 14:1-3

1. Perhaps the heaviest blow of all was the realization that Jesus was going to leave them (John 13:33). Where was He going? Could they go with Him? How could they get where He was going? These were some of the perplexing questions that rumbled around in their minds and hearts and were tossed back and forth in their conversation at the table. Jesus sensed that they were *troubled*. What did He tell them in John 14:1?
 - a. Why is it important to trust Jesus when our *hearts* are *troubled*?
 - 1.) What are some truths about Him that you choose to trust when you are *troubled*?
 - 2.) Why is it sometimes hard to trust God in times of *trouble*?
2. Using John 14:2-3, list what Jesus said He was going to do.
3. Knowing the Father is in heaven, what does it mean to you that Jesus has a *place prepared for you* where His Father is?
4. The word translated *mansions* literally means “dwelling places” or “places to stay”. Although we know very little about what they will be like, why do you think *mansion* is a good translation for the “dwelling place” Jesus has *prepared* for you?
5. There will be no empty *mansions* in heaven. Jesus builds for those who will dwell there. What are the glorious truths about our eternal home revealed in:
2 Corinthians 5:1

1 Peter 1:4
6. Read the last two phrases of John 14:3. How are you impacted knowing that Jesus will *receive you unto Himself* and that *you will always be with Him*?

THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: Read John 14:4-6

1. Jesus reminded them of two things that they knew (verse 4). Yet, Thomas had some questions. What did Thomas not understand? verse 5

a. As far as wondering where Jesus was going, what did he forget about where the *Father* dwells?

1.) The fact that God dwells in heaven is rarely debated, even amongst unbelievers. However, the *way* to get there has been highly debated. Jesus answered Thomas' question with great authority. What (or who) is the *way* to *heaven*?

Challenge: Record some verses that verify this truth.

2. Jesus not only claimed to be the *way* to *heaven*, but claimed to be the *truth*. What do the following verses teach us about Jesus?

John 1:14

John 18:37

1 John 5:20

a. How does knowing that Jesus is the *truth* affect your life?

3. Jesus is the *life*. John loved this about Jesus. What can we learn from the following verses about Jesus being the *life*?

John 1:4

John 6:33

John 6:68

John 10:28

a. Recall and record some of your first thoughts when you first realized that true *life* comes from Jesus.

4. Record in large, bold letters the last phrase of John 14:6.

- a. Jesus performed many great *works*. His most significant *work* was the resurrection. Why is it so important to know that Jesus truly rose from the dead?

REVIEW: Read John 14:1-11

1. Jesus told His disciples that He was going away. Yet, He told them not to be *troubled*. How do thoughts of being with Jesus in heaven calm your *troubled heart*?

2. What are you looking forward to most about heaven?

3. Jesus is preparing a *place* for you. In what ways has Jesus been preparing you for His *place*?

4. Why do you think it's important to *believe* Jesus' statement: *I am in the Father and the Father in Me*?

5. In what way(s) has this lesson touched your heart?

*Beloved, now we are children of God;
and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be,
but we know that when He is revealed,
we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
- 1 John 3:2*

Observation Worksheet

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¹ "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And where I go you know, and the way you know." ⁵ Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷ "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." ⁸ Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.