

“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”

The Gospel of John


John 14:15–31

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1. What pronoun is used in place of “the Spirit of truth” in verse 17? What does even this little word begin to teach us about this Spirit?

2. What words are used to name the person whom Jesus will send from the Father? (If you are able, look in a variety of translations.) (vv. 16, 17, 26)

3. Jesus says that the disciples already know the Spirit (v. 17).
 - a. In what way has the Spirit been with them? (Jn. 1:32–34)

 - b. How will their relationship with the Spirit of truth become more personal? (vv. 16–17; * Ezek. 36:26–27; Acts 4:31–33; Eph. 3:16–17b)


4. Jesus promises comfort to his disciples just hours before his arrest.
 - a. Complete these promises:

I will not _____; I will _____ . (v. 18)

The world will not see me anymore, but you will _____ . (v. 19a)

Because I live, you also will _____ . (v. 19b)

You will _____ . (v. 20)
 - b. How do these promises comfort you in the midst of your day to day life?

*The  symbol indicates verses for further study.

5. In verse 22 Judas (not Iscariot) asks Jesus, “Why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”
 - a. What misunderstanding does Judas’ question reveal? (Jn. 7:4–5; 18:36–37)

 - b. What does this passage say about the world?

6. What will the Holy Spirit do when He is sent by the Father in Jesus’ name? (v. 26)

7. Again Jesus tells his disciples, “Do not let your hearts be troubled” (Jn. 14:1, 27).
 - a. What does Jesus give them to replace their fears? (v. 27)

 - b. What does the world say will give you a sense of peace?

 - c. How is the peace that Jesus gives better? (Rom. 5:1; Phil. 4:7; 2 Thess. 3:16)

8. Brainstorm with your group: Why should we be glad that Jesus left this world and went to the Father (v. 28)?

9. What motivates Jesus to tell his disciples what is going to happen? (vv. 29–30)

10. Our relationship with Jesus is modeled on Jesus’ intimate relationship with the Father.
 - a. What has characterized Jesus’ life, and what has motivated him? (v. 31; Jn. 8:28–29)

 - b. What characterizes the lives of Jesus’ followers, and what motivates us? (vv. 15, 21, 23)

11. Give an example of how your love for Jesus has motivated you to obey him. How has that experience deepened your intimacy with him?