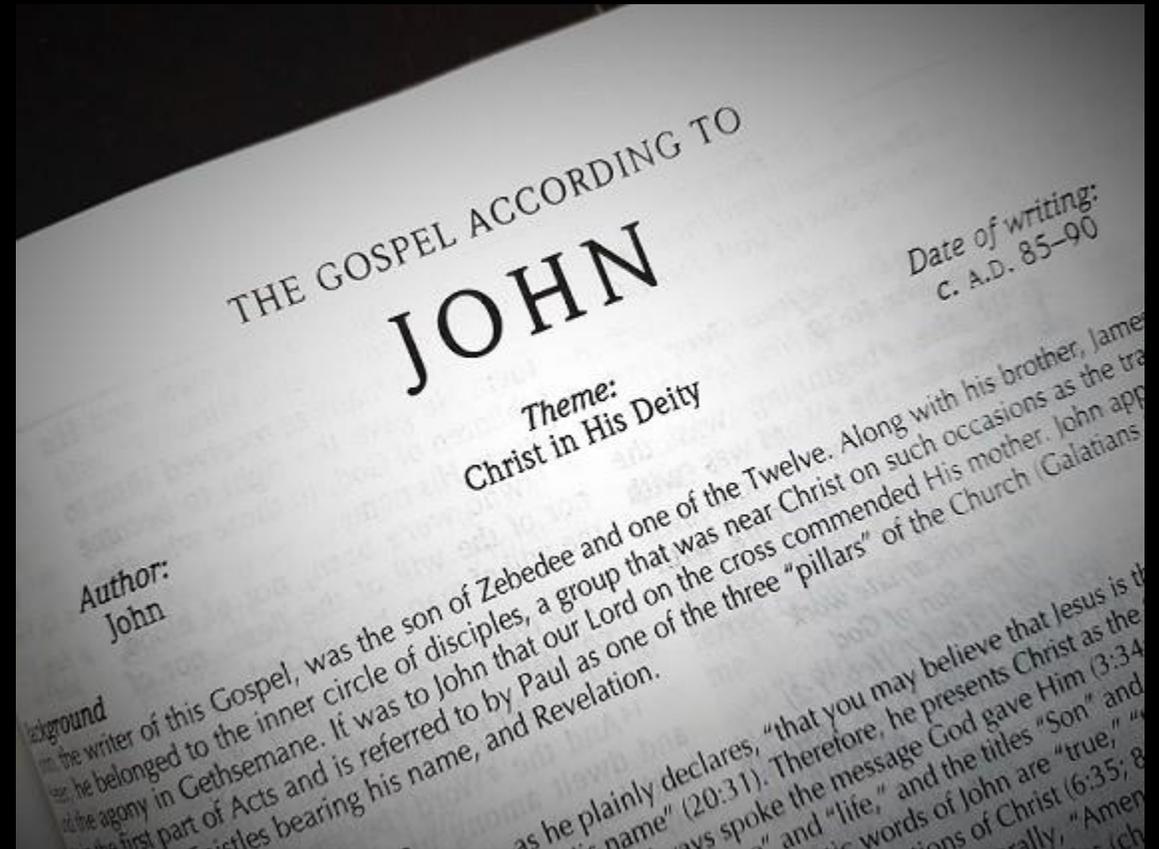


# Verse by Verse

## John 14



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- It is the evening before Jesus goes to the cross.
- In **John 13**, we saw Jesus wash the disciples' feet.
- **Judas** went out from the Last Supper to betray Jesus.
- Jesus gave a new commandment, to “**Love one another as I have loved you.**”
- He also predicted Peter's three denials.

# “I am” Sayings in John

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1. I am the bread of life 6:35, 48, 51
2. I am the light of the world 8:12, 9:5
3. I am the gate (or “door”) 10:7, 9
4. I am the good shepherd 10:11, 14
5. I am the resurrection and the life 11:25
6. I am the way, the truth and the life 14:6
7. I am the true vine 15:1

# John 14 Introduction

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- This chapter begins what is sometimes known as the **Farewell Discourse** of Jesus.
- It is a kind of extended *last words* in **John 13 – 17** before Christ goes to the cross.
- In the Bible we get a number final speeches, such as those from **Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David** and **Paul**.

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- The last words of any person should be considered very important.
- The words of Jesus just before his death might be the most important of all.

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- John 14:6 (ESV)

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

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- John 14:13-14 (ESV)

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- John 14:27 (ESV)

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# 1. The Only Way 14:1-7

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- 14:1-3 Let not your hearts be troubled
- This statement appears twice in the Bible.
- Both times are in this chapter.
- See also 14:27, which is one of our Key Verses.

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Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

- Many find this statement offensive today.
- Sometimes it is offensive for the right reasons and sometimes for the wrong ones.

# 1. The Only Way 14:1-7

- Jesus does not condemn **all aspects** of **all religions**.
- Christians **do not believe** that there is **zero** goodness truth or beauty in other religions or belief systems.
- The question is really about whether these other religions or belief systems provide **the way to God**.

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*... and is appropriated through an act of faith in God. It is because of this that Jesus is said to be the unique, only Savior for all of mankind. No one is reconciled to God except through Jesus Christ. <sup>1</sup>*

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- We, as Christians, believe that salvation from our sins comes through Christ and Christ alone.
- Since everyone is fallen and trapped in the grip of sin, everyone needs **the cross of Jesus Christ**.
- Thus, in the end, Jesus is the only way to God.

## 2. Seeing the Father 14:8-11

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- Jesus has a unique relationship to God the Father.
- His words can be considered the Father's words.
- His works can be considered the Father's works.
- The Father and the Son are both God and there can be no contradiction between them.

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- 14:12 Greater works
- We should take this as greater in extent and greater in effect than what Jesus could do if he remained here.
- We accomplish this through our prayers and the worldwide mission of the church.
- Jesus could not do this as one human being on earth.
- He makes it happen as God working through us.

### 3. Praying in Jesus' Name 14:12-14

- 14:13-14 Prayer in Christ's name
- When my mom was alive I had power of attorney for her in all things legal and medical.
- I couldn't use the PoA however I wanted to use it.
- It was my responsibility to make happen whatever I understood that she would truly want.

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- Jesus has given us a sort of power of attorney with respect to our prayers as we pray in his name.
- We don't pray what we want and then tack "in Jesus' name, Amen" on the end of it.
- We pray for those things that we truly believe are God's will – that Christ would pray if he were here.

## 4. Another Helper 14:15-17

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- The word **Helper** can be translated as **Helper**, **Advocate** or **Counselor**.
- Bill Mounce explains it as,

*counselor, intercessor, helper, one who encourages and comforts; in the NT it refers exclusively to the Holy Spirit and to Jesus Christ*

## 4. Another Helper 14:15-17

- Jesus will leave his disciples, but the Holy Spirit will come in his place.
- The presence of God's Holy Spirit in us more than makes up for the physical absence of Christ.

## 5. Introducing the Trinity 14:18-26

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- 14:18-19 First of all, Jesus came to his disciples in the resurrection.
- They knew for a fact that he was alive.
- 14:23 Second, both Jesus and the Father come to us and make their home with us through the Holy Spirit.
- 14:26 The whole Trinity appears in this verse.

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- The Connection Between Loving God and Obedience:
- 14:15 If you love me ...
- 14:21 ... he it is who loves me
- 14:23 If anyone loves me ...
- 14:24 Whoever does not love me ...

## 6. Christ's Gift of Peace 14:27-31

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- 14:27 What is there that can harm us as long as we have the peace of Christ?
- This is why our hearts need not be troubled.
- If we have peace with him, nothing else really matters.
- Peace *with* Christ leads to the peace *of* Christ.

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- 14:28 The Father is greater than I
- Think back on John 10:30, "I and the Father are one."
- The Father and Son are equally God, but are not interchangeable in their roles.
- The Son is at all times voluntarily submitted to the Father – in his words, his actions and attitude of heart.

## 6. Christ's Gift of Peace 14:27-31

- 14:30 The ruler of this world
- This is a clear reference to Satan or the devil.
- His time is short and he knows it.
- 1 John 2:17 (ESV)

And the world is passing away along with its desires,  
but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

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1. Jesus is the only way to the Father; he is the only one to die for our sins and reconcile us to God.
2. To pray in Jesus' name is to pray as if Jesus himself were praying.
3. With Jesus in heaven, the Holy Spirit has come, so God is working by means of the Spirit in the church.
4. To love God means to keep his word and obey him.
5. Let not your hearts be troubled.

# John 14    A Prayer

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- Dear Heavenly Father,
- You sent your Son Jesus to us so that we would have a clear path to be reconciled to you.
- We thank for giving him to us as the way, the truth and the life.
- We pray that you would empower us with your Spirit and help us to walk in obedience to your word.

# John 14    A Prayer

- We ask your help in fully receiving your peace, so that we would not let our hearts be troubled.
- And we pray all of these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- We believe that this is what he would pray for if he was here with us.
- Amen.

# John 11    References

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