STUDY BIBLE WORKBOOK

John 14

The Way, the Truth, and the Life

QUICK STUDY + DEEP DIVE

Jesus comforts His troubled disciples, reveals Himself as the only way to the Father, promises the Holy Spirit, and gives a peace the world cannot offer. The chapter calls us to trust Christ, love Him, and obey His words.

Scripture quotations: World English Bible Classic (WEB)

HOW TO USE THIS WORKBOOK

Quick Study: Begin with the chapter overview, Bible words, Greek pronunciation, Gospel Connection, and prayer.

Deep Dive: Eight Scripture-first SOAP passages include all 31 WEB verses, substantial observations, applications, guided prayers, and full-width writing lines.

WESTERN GRACE MEDIA

John 14 — Geographic Setting

John 14 continues the farewell teaching after the supper described in John 13. The broader setting is Jerusalem during the final Passover period, but Scripture does not locate this conversation in a precise room or street. The regional atlas identifies the city vicinity, not an invented building.



Original WGM regional atlas reused as a shared asset; no exact supper-room site is asserted.

Regional location



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Jerusalem: The final Passover narrative provides the wider setting for Jesus' farewell words.

The conversation: John 14 names no street, house, or confirmed supper-room site.

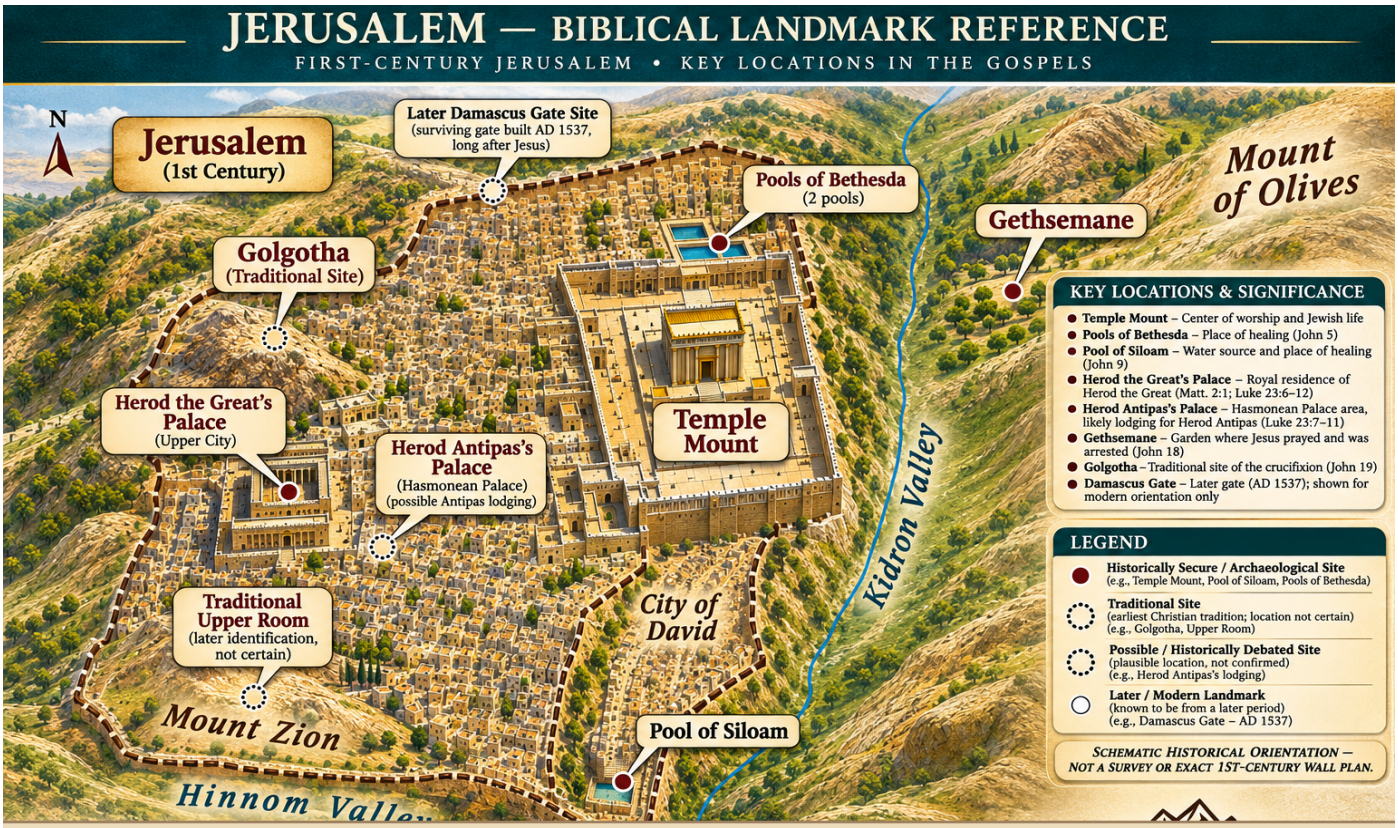
The Father's house: In 14:2 this is a promise of dwelling with God, not a location on the regional map.

Mount of Olives: A nearby geographical landmark for orientation, though not named in John 14.

Map caution: The highlighted area identifies Jerusalem generally; no departure route is drawn.

Jerusalem — A Setting for Farewell Teaching

John 14 continues Jesus' words to His disciples before His arrest. The Jerusalem landmark map helps readers visualize the city, Temple, Kidron Valley, Mount of Olives, and later events at Gethsemane and Golgotha. The traditional Upper Room marker is a later association, not a verified address for John 14.



SCHEMATIC ORIENTATION — NOT TO SCALE

Palace/lodging and gate identifications are qualified; city walls and buildings are illustrative.

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READ THE TEXT WITH THE MAP

Jesus' farewell words

The teaching follows the supper of John 13; the location cannot be pinned from John 14 alone.

Gethsemane and Golgotha

These landmarks help situate the approaching arrest and crucifixion (John 18–19), not a route given in John 14.

Traditional sites

The Upper Room, Golgotha, and some palace identifications have different levels of historical certainty; the illustration is schematic.

My notes about the setting:

John 14 — The Way, the Truth, and the Life

MAIN VERSE

John 14:6, WEB: Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.

BIG PICTURE

Jesus speaks comfort to disciples who have heard that He is leaving. Their hope is not confidence in themselves, but faith in Him. He promises lasting fellowship in the Father’s house and declares that He alone is the way, the truth, and the life. His unity with the Father is revealed in His words and works. As He goes to the Father, Jesus calls His followers to serve and pray in His name, promises the Holy Spirit, connects love with obedience, and gives His own peace. The chapter prepares His people for the cross without leaving them hopeless.

Trust the Lord Jesus (14:1–4)

A troubled heart is invited to trust His promise of lasting fellowship.

The Only Way to the Father (14:5–7)

Jesus is the way, truth, and life, not merely one teacher among many.

The Son Reveals the Father (14:8–11)

His words and works show His complete unity with the Father.

Greater Works and Prayer (14:12–14)

Believers serve in His mission and pray for the Father’s glory.

QUICK STUDY NOTES

The Chapter’s Major Movements

Love and the Helper (14:15–17)

Love produces obedience, and Jesus promises the Spirit of truth.

I Will Not Leave You (14:18–21)

The living Christ assures His people of fellowship and life.

Our Home with God (14:22–26)

The Father and Son dwell with those who love Christ; the Spirit teaches.

My Peace I Give to You (14:27–31)

Jesus prepares His people for suffering and obeys the Father in love.

QUICK STUDY FLOW

A troubled heart trusts Jesus

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The Son is the way to the Father

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Jesus reveals the Father

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Prayer serves the Father’s glory

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Another Counselor is promised

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Jesus will not leave His own

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The Spirit teaches Jesus’ words

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Christ gives peace and obeys

QUICK STUDY NOTES

Important Bible Words

Word / Phrase	Simple Meaning	Why It Matters
Father’s house	The Father’s dwelling and welcome	Jesus promises believers lasting life with Him.
The way	Jesus alone brings sinners to the Father	Salvation is received through the Son.
Truth	God’s reality faithfully revealed in Jesus	His words can be trusted.
Life	Life sourced in Christ	Eternal life is tied to the risen Lord.
Greater works	Service following Jesus’ return to the Father	The gospel mission expands through His people.
In my name	According to Jesus’ person and mission	Prayer is not a magic formula.
Counselor / Helper	The Holy Spirit promised by Jesus	God’s personal presence abides with believers.
Orphans	People left without parental care	Jesus promises not to abandon His disciples.
Obedience	Following Jesus’ commands	A genuine response of love, not earned salvation.
Peace	Christ’s gift amid uncertainty	Not dependent on easy circumstances.

Which word or phrase in John 14 helps me understand the Lord’s promises, the Spirit, and peace?

Translation Word Notes

Pronunciations are approximate classroom-style Biblical Greek. CAPITAL letters show the stressed syllable. Greek helps clarify meaning but is not required for understanding Scripture. NKJV/NIV/NLT phrases are brief comparisons; full Scripture quotations remain WEB.

Verse	Greek & pronunciation	NKJV	NIV	NLT	Meaning in context
14:2	monē moh-NAY	mansions	rooms	more than enough room	Dwelling or abiding place; not a promise of luxurious architecture.
14:6	hodos hoh-DOS	way	way	way	Jesus is the access to the Father.
14:6	alētheia ah-LAY-thay-ah	truth	truth	truth	Reliability and divine reality disclosed in Christ.
14:6	zōē zoh-AY	life	life	life	The life that comes through the Son.
14:12	meizona MY-zoh-nah	greater	even greater	even greater	Greater works in the context of Jesus' going to the Father.
14:13	onoma OH-noh-mah	name	name	name	His authority, character, and mission.
14:16	paraklētos pah-RAH-klay-tos	Helper	Advocate	Advocate	One called alongside to help, counsel, or advocate.
14:17	pneuma PNEW-mah	Spirit	Spirit	Spirit	Personal Spirit of truth, not a vague influence.
14:18	orphanos OR-fah-nos	orphans	orphans	orphans	Those left without parental care; Jesus will not abandon His own.
14:23	monē moh-NAY	home	home	home	Father and Son dwell with the believer.
14:26	didaskō dee-DAHS-koh	teach	teach	teach	The Spirit instructs and reminds the apostles.
14:27	eirēnē ay-RAY-nay	peace	peace	peace	Christ's peace is distinct from the world's terms.

Word-study notes:

The Gospel Connection

John 14 speaks comfort to disciples facing the shock of Jesus' departure. Their hope is not in their courage or certainty about tomorrow, but in Jesus Himself. He is the way, the truth, and the life, the only access to the Father (14:6). His saving death and resurrection make fellowship with God possible, and He promises to receive His people to Himself. He does not leave believers as orphans: the Holy Spirit will remain with them, teaching and reminding the apostles of Christ's words. Love for Jesus becomes visible through obedience, but obedience is the fruit of grace rather than the purchase price of salvation. Because Jesus lives, His people can face troubled circumstances with a peace the world cannot manufacture (14:18–19, 27; 20:31).

Reflection: Am I trusting Jesus' promise and receiving His peace as I obey His words?

A Short Prayer from John 14

Lord Jesus, You are the way, the truth, and the life. When my heart is troubled, help me trust Your promise and Your goodness. Thank You for preparing a place for Your people and for promising the Holy Spirit. Teach me to love You through obedience and receive Your peace when circumstances are uncertain. In Your name, amen.

Pray this in your own words:

QUICK STUDY COMPLETE

One Truth to Carry With You

Jesus is the way to the Father; He will not abandon His people and gives them His Spirit and His peace.

READY TO GO DEEPER — NEXT PAGE

Ready to Go Deeper?

This Deep Dive follows S.O.A.P.: Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer. Begin with the complete WEB passage. Let the text set the terms of our study, then consider the explanation, respond personally, and pray.

S — Scripture

Read every verse slowly; note changes in speaker, setting, and what Jesus reveals about Himself.

O — Observation

What does John reveal about Jesus' identity, the Father, the Holy Spirit, and the way of faith?

A — Application

What should I believe, confess, obey, trust, or share in response to the passage?

P — Prayer

Respond prayerfully to what the passage actually says, not imagined motives or events.

Before I begin, what do I need to understand about Jesus' promises, prayer, the Spirit, and His gift of peace?

Questions and repeated words to watch for:

JOHN 14:1–4

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

S — Scripture

1 “Don’t let your heart be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.
2 In my Father’s house are many homes. If it weren’t so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you.
3 If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will receive you to myself; that where I am, you may be there also.
4 You know where I go, and you know the way.”

John 14:1–4, WEB

O — Observation

What does the passage reveal about Jesus, God, people, worship, faith, or the gospel?

Jesus speaks to disciples who have just heard that He is leaving and that Peter will deny Him (John 13:33–38). His command to trust Him is grounded in His trustworthiness, not in their circumstances becoming easy.

The Father’s house offers a secure future with Jesus. “Many homes” emphasizes room and welcome in the Father’s presence; the passage does not describe architectural details of heaven.

Jesus promises both to prepare a place and to receive His own to Himself. Believers can rest in His promise without claiming that these verses alone settle every question about the timing of His return.

My observations:

A — Application

What fear about the future do I need to bring under Jesus’ promise and character?

P — Prayer

Lord Jesus, when my heart is troubled, strengthen my trust in You and the future You have promised.

Pray this in your own words:

JOHN 14:5–7

The Way, the Truth, and the Life

S — Scripture

5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going. 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. From now on, you know him and have seen him.”

John 14:5–7, WEB

O — Observation

What does the passage reveal about Jesus, God, people, worship, faith, or the gospel?

Thomas admits his confusion. Jesus answers not with a route to memorize but with His own person: He is the way, the truth, and the life.

“No one comes to the Father, except through me” is a clear claim about the exclusive saving mediation of Christ. It does not grant permission to treat people of other beliefs with contempt.

To know Jesus is to know the Father whom He perfectly reveals. The passage points us beyond generic spirituality to faith in the Son.

My observations:

A — Application

Am I relying on Jesus Himself for access to the Father, or on religious performance?

P — Prayer

Father, teach me to cling to Your Son, the only Savior and the perfect revelation of Your truth.

Pray this in your own words:

JOHN 14:8–11

Seeing the Father in the Son

S — Scripture

8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.”
9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you such a long time, and do you not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father. How do you say, ‘Show us the Father’?
10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I tell you, I speak not from myself; but the Father who lives in me does his works.
11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me; or else believe me for the very works’ sake.

John 14:8–11, WEB

O — Observation

What does the passage reveal about Jesus, God, people, worship, faith, or the gospel?

Philip asks to see the Father. Jesus replies that seeing Him is seeing the Father, not because the Father and Son are the same person but because the Son perfectly reveals the Father.

Jesus describes their mutual indwelling: the Father is in the Son and the Son in the Father. His words and works come in full unity with the Father.

Faith listens to Jesus’ testimony and considers His works. The text supports the Son’s deity and unity with the Father while preserving their personal distinction.

My observations:

A — Application

When I want to know what God is like, will I begin by listening to Jesus in Scripture?

P — Prayer

Lord Jesus, open my eyes to the Father’s character as You reveal Him in Your words and works.

Pray this in your own words:

JOHN 14:12–14

Works, Prayer, and the Father’s Glory

S — Scripture

12 Most certainly I tell you, he who believes in me, the works that I do, he will do also; and he will do greater works than these, because I am going to my Father.
13 Whatever you will ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
14 If you will ask anything in my name, I will do it.

John 14:12–14, WEB

O — Observation

What does the passage reveal about Jesus, God, people, worship, faith, or the gospel?

Jesus promises that believers will do His works and “greater works” because He goes to the Father. In the setting of Acts and the church’s mission, the gospel extends to more people and places; this is not a promise that every believer will perform more spectacular miracles than Jesus.

Praying “in my name” means praying in agreement with Jesus’ identity, purposes, and authority, not attaching a formula to any demand.

The stated aim is the Father’s glory in the Son. The promise cannot responsibly be detached from Jesus’ will, other Scripture on prayer, and His saving mission.

My observations:

A — Application

How can my prayers and service make the Father’s glory—not my own success—the aim?

P — Prayer

Father, align my requests with Jesus’ name, Your purposes, and the work of making Christ known.

Pray this in your own words:

JOHN 14:15–17

Love and Another Counselor

S — Scripture

15 If you love me, keep my commandments.
16 I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, that he may be with you forever:
17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world can’t receive, for it doesn’t see him and doesn’t know him. You know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 14:15–17, WEB

O — Observation

What does the passage reveal about Jesus, God, people, worship, faith, or the gospel?

Jesus connects love and obedience. His commandments are the response of those who love Him, not a price paid to earn the Father’s favor.

Jesus promises “another Counselor,” the Spirit of truth, who will remain with His people. The Greek paraklētos may be rendered Helper, Advocate, Counselor, or Comforter, emphasizing His personal ministry.

The Spirit is not merely a positive feeling or impersonal energy. Jesus promises His ongoing presence with believers, in distinction from the world that does not recognize Him.

My observations:

A — Application

Where can I obey Jesus today as an expression of love, relying on the Spirit’s help?

P — Prayer

Holy Spirit, help me love Christ in practice, understand His truth, and depend on Your faithful presence.

Pray this in your own words:

JOHN 14:18–21

Not Orphans: Life with Christ

S — Scripture

18 I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you.
19 Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more; but you will see me. Because I live, you will live also.
20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.
21 One who has my commandments and keeps them, that person is one who loves me. One who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and will reveal myself to him.”

John 14:18–21, WEB

O — Observation

What does the passage reveal about Jesus, God, people, worship, faith, or the gospel?

Jesus assures His disciples that they will not be left as orphans. His resurrection, ongoing presence, and the gift of the Spirit give substance to that promise.

“Because I live, you will live also” ties believers’ future life to the living Christ. Jesus also describes the close fellowship of Father, Son, and those who belong to Him.

Obedience shows love for Christ, while His love and self-disclosure remain gifts of grace. We should not turn this promise into a claim that Christians never feel sorrow or absence.

My observations:

A — Application

What difference does Jesus’ living presence make when I feel abandoned or afraid?

P — Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You that You have not left Your people alone. Help me abide in Your love and live by Your life.

Pray this in your own words:

JOHN 14:22–26

The Father and Son Make Their Home

S — Scripture

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, what has happened that you are about to reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?”
23 Jesus answered him, “If a man loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.
24 He who doesn’t love me doesn’t keep my words. The word which you hear isn’t mine, but the Father’s who sent me.
25 “I have said these things to you while still living with you.
26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things, and will remind you of all that I said to you.

John 14:22–26, WEB

O — Observation

What does the passage reveal about Jesus, God, people, worship, faith, or the gospel?

Judas (not Iscariot) asks why Jesus will reveal Himself to His disciples rather than to the world. Jesus answers in terms of love, receiving His word, and fellowship with the Father and Son.

The Father’s love and presence are not earned by flawless performance. Jesus describes a real relationship in which love takes shape through keeping His teaching.

The promised Holy Spirit will teach and remind the apostles of Jesus’ words. This helps explain their reliable witness; it is not a license for every modern impression to outrank Scripture.

My observations:

A — Application

How can I take Jesus’ words seriously while depending on the Spirit instead of my memory or willpower alone?

P — Prayer

Father, make Your word at home in my heart. Holy Spirit, bring Jesus’ truth to mind and guide me in faithful obedience.

Pray this in your own words:

JOHN 14:27–31

The Peace Jesus Gives

S — Scripture

27 Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, I give to you. Don’t let your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.
28 You heard how I told you, ‘I am going away, and I will come back to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced because I said ‘I am going to my Father;’ for the Father is greater than I.
29 Now I have told you before it happens so that when it happens, you may believe.
30 I will no more speak much with you, for the prince of the world comes, and he has nothing in me.
31 But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father commanded me, even so I do. Arise, let’s go from here.

John 14:27–31, WEB

O — Observation

What does the passage reveal about Jesus, God, people, worship, faith, or the gospel?

Jesus promises peace unlike the world’s peace. It does not require the absence of conflict; He speaks it on the threshold of betrayal, suffering, and the cross.

His words “the Father is greater than I” describe the Son’s relation to the Father in His mission and humiliation; they do not erase the divine identity John has already affirmed (1:1; 10:30; 14:9–11).

Jesus anticipates the ruler of this world yet says that ruler has no hold on Him. He obeys the Father freely and moves toward His appointed suffering. “Arise, let’s go from here” does not identify a street or precise departure route.

My observations:

A — Application

What would it look like to receive Christ’s peace while walking through an unresolved difficulty?

P — Prayer

Jesus, give me Your peace and courage. Help me obey the Father in love even when the path is hard.

Pray this in your own words:

Hard Questions

Does “many homes” mean every believer gets a mansion?

The WEB translates “many homes”; the Greek speaks of dwelling places. Jesus stresses a secure place with the Father and His own presence (14:2–3), not floor plans or luxury.

Does John 14:3 describe the second coming, our death, or both?

Christians understand its timing in different ways. The clear promise is that Jesus will receive His people to Himself. Avoid making an uncertain timetable the focus of the comfort He gives.

Is Jesus claiming to be the only way to God?

Yes. John 14:6 expressly says no one comes to the Father except through Him. Christians should confess that truth with humility and treat people of all backgrounds with dignity.

Does seeing Jesus mean Father and Son are the same person?

No. John 14:9–11 affirms the Son’s perfect revelation and unity with the Father while distinguishing the Father who sends and the Son who speaks.

Questions and study notes:

Hard Questions (continued)

What are the “greater works” of John 14:12?

The church’s Spirit-empowered witness after Jesus’ return to the Father spreads His saving message broadly. The verse does not promise every believer an individual miracle ministry greater in spectacle than Christ’s.

Does praying “in Jesus’ name” guarantee anything I request?

It is not a verbal formula that overrides God’s purposes. Jesus explicitly aims at the Father’s glory (14:13). Read this promise with the wider New Testament teaching on prayer and God’s will.

Who is the “another Counselor” Jesus promises?

Jesus identifies Him as the Spirit of truth and later the Holy Spirit (14:16–17, 26). “Another” indicates personal help continuing Jesus’ ministry, not a substitute human teacher or impersonal force.

Does obedience earn God’s love or salvation?

No. Jesus calls His own to keep His commandments out of love (14:15, 21, 23). Salvation is by God’s grace received through faith; obedience is the fruit of genuine love for Christ.

Questions and study notes:

Hard Questions (continued)

How can Jesus say He will come to His disciples if He is leaving?

The chapter connects His life after death, His continuing presence, and the coming Holy Spirit. Jesus does not give a minute-by-minute sequence, but assures them they will not be abandoned.

Did the Holy Spirit promise new teaching that can overrule Scripture?

John 14:26 particularly promises Jesus' first disciples that the Spirit will teach and remind them of His words. Claims of new revelation should be tested by the apostolic testimony, not placed above it.

Does "the Father is greater than I" mean Jesus is not fully God?

John's Gospel affirms the Word was God (1:1) and the Son's unity with the Father (14:9–11). Evangelicals understand 14:28 in relation to Jesus' incarnate mission and the Father's sending authority, not as denial of His deity.

Where exactly was Jesus when He spoke John 14:1–31?

John 14 continues the farewell teaching after the supper of John 13, but no exact room or modern address is given. The Jerusalem map is orientation only; the traditional Upper Room is not a verified pinpoint.

Questions and study notes:

Reflection

Which worry do I need to bring to Jesus rather than carry alone?

How does Jesus being the only way to the Father shape my faith and witness?

What obedience to Jesus would express love in my daily life?

What does receiving the Holy Spirit’s help and Jesus’ peace look like in my current season?

A Prayer for Faith, Love, and Peace

Father, thank You for sending Your Son to show us Your heart and bring us home. Lord Jesus, You are the only way to the Father and the source of eternal life. Forgive me when I trust my plans, performance, or fears more than Your promises. Holy Spirit, Counselor and Spirit of truth, remind me of the words of Christ and help me obey them. Give me wisdom to pray for the Father's glory, courage to speak the truth with love, and peace that remains steady when my circumstances change. Keep my eyes on Your goodness and on the day when I will be with You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Pray this in your own words:

ONE TRUTH TO CARRY WITH YOU

Jesus is the way to the Father; He will not abandon His people and gives them His Spirit and His peace.

Final Notes