

John 14 The Journey - Walking With Jesus

Preamble - A Year Of the Lords Favour

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim (announce) good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, [2] to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, **Isaiah 61:1-2**

"Sing, barren woman, who has never had a baby. Fill the air with song, you who've never experienced childbirth! You're ending up with far more children than all those childbearing women." **Isaiah 54:1-5 MSG**

- His grace, kindness and love towards us
- Him being present with us and giving us Encounter with him
- The growing family here and depth of relationship
- The increasing growth in prayer
- Stewarding the favour is what is important - Joseph

Introduction

Looking over the next few weeks at a few Chapters from the Gospel of John John 14 onwards

- Written by the Apostle John - 'The one Jesus Loved'
- This book is about Jesus
- John reveals that Jesus is the Son of God
- John wants us to see who Jesus is and wants us to put our trust and faith in him
- And these are the words and teaching of Jesus himself that we will be looking at. Most of the words are in red - In other words they're mostly Christ's words.

There are seven names of Jesus revealed in the first Chapter of John

Jesus of Nazareth	The Son of Man	The Lamb of God
Rabbi	Son of God	
Messiah	King of Israel	

There are seven signs (miracles) throughout the book of John

Water into wine - ch. 2	Healing a sick boy - ch. 4
Healing a paralysed man - ch. 5	Feeding the 5,000 - ch. 6
Healing a blind man - ch. 9	Raising Lazarus - ch. 11
Resurrection of Jesus - ch. 20	

There are the seven 'I AM' statements of Jesus

The Bread of Life - 6.35	The Good Shepherd - 10.11	The True Vine - 15.1
The Light of the world - 8.12	The Resurrection - 11.25	
The Gate for the Sheep - 10.7	The Way, Truth & Life - 14.6	

- These, Names, Signs and I Am statements are all revealing something of Christ and his purpose for us.
- They are worth looking into and digging deeper

John 14 - Overview

- A total of 31 verses and Jesus speaks about
- Read whole chapter
- Jesus comforts his disciples
- He tells them he is the way, the truth and the life
- He tells them that he and the Father are one and if they have seen him they have seen the Father
- And that he Jesus is the way to the Father
- If you believe in me, the works I do you will do and even greater works
- Answered prayer - Whatever you ask in my name I will do for you that the son may be glorified
- Jesus also promises another helper, who will dwell with you and will be in you
- You wont be left alone but the Holy Spirit will teach you all things
- And I am leaving you my peace, do not be afraid

Four things for The Journey

1. Do not let your hearts be troubled

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God ; believe also in me.

John 14:1

- The journey of life can be filled and will be filled with many troubles
- This is the path for every person
- We all go through difficult situations, confusing times, delayed answers to prayer
- Some of our situations are of our own making and others maybe the brokenness of other people impacting our lives and thirdly we have a very real enemy of our souls that we seek to destroy us if he could
- Jesus looked at his disciples and the knew the road ahead was filled with mountains and valleys - There would be plenty of challenges
- And he said to the DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED
- You can go through trouble and not allow the trouble into your heart!!

2. I am the way the truth and the Life

- Philip says we don't know the way

- What does the journey look like Which way do we go?
- How do I know which is the right path?
- Isn't that what we ask ourselves many times?

Jesus ...

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **John 14:6**

Jesus is the gate

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. **John 10:9**

Jesus is the road

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **John 14:6**

Jesus is the guide

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. [19] Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. **John 14:18-19**

Jesus is the destination

And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. [10] You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." [11] Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. [12] In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!" [13] Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!" [14] The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped. **Revelation 5:9-14**

3. Believe in me

...You believe in God ; believe also in me.

[11] Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

[12] Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. **John 14:1,11-12**

- To believe is to trust
- To believe is to take him at his word
- To believe him is to live with a deep conviction in him and the truths he taught us
- Have faith in God - Believe him, trust him
- The Journey of Life cannot be lived with confidence or fruitfulness without believing in Jesus and relying upon him fully
- Your heart will be troubled by trouble unless you learn to lean upon Jesus and his word with confidence
- Build your life upon Christ

4. If you love me keep my commands

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. [24] Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. **John 14:23-24**

- Love for Christ is not shown by how passionately we sing our worship or pray in meetings
- Jesus says love for me is shown by your obeying my teaching
- If you love me you will obey me
- And me and my Father will make our home with you
- Obeying the teaching and commands of Christ are not an option but a sign of our devotion to him
- Staying on the path is to live a life the Jesus Way
- Read what he teaches and choose to conform your life to his teaching

Conclusion

Jesus Gives us the Holy Spirit

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever--- [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. **John 14:16,26**

- He will be our advocate or helper
- He will be with you forever
- He will teach you all things
- And remind us of all that Christ has taught

Jesus Gives us His Peace

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. **John 14:27**

- You can know this peace

- You can live in this peace
- Jesus is this peace - Isaiah 9.6 tells us that is one of Christ's names