



Lesson 61 – “Let not your heart be troubled” (Part I)

Based on John 13:31-38; John 14.

- 1) Judas left the upper room right after Jesus gave him communion. What did Jesus say to the Eleven?

John 13:31 Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is _____ in him.

He was about to speak of His approaching separation from them; but before doing this He pointed to the great object of His mission. It was this that He kept ever before Him. It was His joy that all His humiliation and suffering would glorify the Father's name.

- 2) What did Jesus tell them?

John 13:33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall _____ me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.

Fear fell upon them. They pressed close about the Saviour. Their Master and Lord, their beloved Teacher and Friend, He was dearer to them than life. To Him they had looked for help in all their difficulties, for comfort in their sorrows and disappointments. Now He was to leave them, a lonely, dependent company. Dark were the forebodings that filled their hearts.

- 3) What idea was and is Jesus trying to convey to the world?

2 Corinthians 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are _____.

- 4) What did Jesus say in order to help the Disciples?

John 14:1-4 Let not your heart be _____: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many _____: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to _____ a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto _____; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

The object of Christ's departure was the opposite of what the disciples feared. It did not mean a final separation. He was going to prepare a place for them, that He might come again, and receive them unto Himself. While He was building mansions for them, they were to build characters after the divine similitude.

- 5) How did Thomas react?

John 14:5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we _____ whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

- 6) What was Jesus' reply?

John 14:6-7 Jesus saith unto him, _____ the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the _____, but by me.

There are not many ways to heaven. Each one may not choose his own way. Since the first gospel sermon was preached, when in Eden it was declared that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head, Christ had been uplifted as the way, the truth, and the life. He was the way when Adam lived, when Abel presented to God the blood of the slain lamb, representing the blood of the Redeemer. Christ was the way by which patriarchs and prophets were saved. He is the way by which alone we can have access to God.



7) What did Christ add to that?

John 14:7 If ye had known _____, ye should have known my _____ also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8) How did the Disciples respond to that?

John 14:8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, _____ us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9) And Jesus replied:

John 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so _____ with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

Amazed at his dullness of comprehension, Christ was pained with surprise. Is it possible that you do not see the Father in the works He does through Me? Do you not believe that I came to testify of the Father? Christ had not ceased to be God when He became man. Though He had humbled Himself to humanity, the Godhead was still His own. Christ alone could represent the Father to humanity, and this representation the disciples had been privileged to behold for over three years.

10) What proof did Jesus offer the Disciples?

John 14:10-11 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of _____: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very _____ sake.

Their faith might safely rest on the evidence given in Christ's works, works that no man, of himself, ever had done, or ever could do. Christ's work testified to His divinity. Through Him the Father had been revealed.

If the disciples believed this vital connection between the Father and the Son, their faith would not forsake them when they saw Christ's suffering and death to save a perishing world. Christ was seeking to lead them from their low condition of faith to the experience they might receive if they truly realized what He was, God in human flesh. He desired them to see that their faith must lead up to God and be anchored there.

11) For what purpose was Jesus' divinity knit to humanity?

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall _____ do also; and _____ works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Jesus came to the world to display the glory of God, that man might be uplifted by its restoring power. God was manifested in Him that He might be manifested in them. Jesus revealed no qualities, and exercised no powers, that men may not have through faith in Him. His perfect humanity is that which all His followers may possess, if they will be in subjection to God as He was.

The Saviour's promise to His disciples is a promise to His church to the end of time. God did not design that His wonderful plan to redeem men should achieve only insignificant results. All who will go to work, trusting not in what they themselves can do, but in what God can do for and through them, will certainly realize the fulfillment of His promise.



12) How do we ask anything of the Father in Heaven?

John 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked _____ in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

He explained that the secret of their success would be in asking for strength and grace in His name. He would be present before the Father to make request for them. The prayer of the humble suppliant He presents as His own desire in that soul's behalf. Every sincere prayer is heard in heaven. It may not be fluently expressed; but if the heart is in it, it will ascend to the sanctuary where Jesus ministers, and He will present it to the Father without one awkward, stammering word, beautiful and fragrant with the incense of His own perfection.

13) What did Jesus repeat for them?

John 14:14 If ye shall ask _____ in my name, I will do it.

In Christ's name His followers are to stand before God. Through the value of the sacrifice made for them, they are of value in the Lord's sight. Because of the imputed righteousness of Christ, they are accounted precious. For Christ's sake the Lord pardons those that fear Him. He does not see in them the vileness of the sinner. He recognizes in them the likeness of His Son, in whom they believe.

14) What important thing did Jesus say next?

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my _____.

He saves men, not in sin, but from sin; and those who love Him will show their love by obedience. All true obedience comes from the heart. It was heart work with Christ. And if we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to His will, that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our own impulses.

15) What promise did Jesus make early in His ministry?

John 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we _____ of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

The Lord will teach us our duty just as willingly as He will teach somebody else. If we come to Him in faith, He will speak His mysteries to us personally. Our hearts will often burn within us as One draws nigh to commune with us as He did with Enoch. Those who decide to do nothing in any line that will displease God, will know, after presenting their case before Him, just what course to pursue. And they will receive not only wisdom, but strength.

16) What did Jesus say He would do for us?

John 14:16-18 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another _____, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither _____ him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you _____: I will come to you.

Before this, the Spirit had been in the world; from the very beginning of the work of redemption He had been moving upon men's hearts. But while Christ was on earth, the disciples had desired no other helper. Not until they were deprived of His presence would they feel their need of the Spirit, and then He would come.



17) To whom would Jesus be revealed?

John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and _____ them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Jesus read the future of His disciples. He saw one brought to the scaffold, one to the cross, one to exile among the lonely rocks of the sea, others to persecution and death. He encouraged them with the promise that in every trial He would be with them. That promise has lost none of its force.

18) What did Jesus tell to the faithful?

Revelation 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for _____, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

At all times and in all places, in all sorrows and in all afflictions, when the outlook seems dark and the future perplexing, and we feel helpless and alone, the Comforter will be sent in answer to the prayer of faith. Circumstances may separate us from every earthly friend; but no circumstance, no distance, can separate us from the heavenly Comforter. Wherever we are, wherever we may go, He is always at our right hand to support, sustain, uphold, and cheer.

More to come in Part II

**Can you see Jesus tried to give His Disciples
everything they could handle?**

Would you like a deeper walk with Him?

When is the time to pray in His name?