Sermon Summary

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Jesus Teaches John 14

' In John 14, three of Christ's disciples ask Him to clarify the things that He has just said to them. The three inquiries they put forth remain relevant for today.

How Can We Know the Way?

This question is likely the most urgent of the three. How can we know the way to Heaven? It is found solely in Jesus Christ. There is no other way. The way to Heaven is not multiple choice and you don't get points just for trying. Jesus Christ is not A way He is THE way. He is not A truth He is THE truth. He is not one type of life, He is THE life and He makes it clear that He alone is the way to the Father. The way to Heaven is paved by Christ Himself. Are you searching for Heaven? Search no longer because Christ is the way. Are you searching for answers? Christ is the truth. You can trust Him, you can know Him, you can love Him. Death does not have to be the end for you because Christ offers eternal life.

Show Us the Father

What does Jesus mean then when He says that whoever has seen Him has seen the Father? It means that Jesus is the invisible made visible. It is a testimony to His deity. He is highlighting to all that He is no ordinary person, He is no ordinary prophet, He is no ordinary teacher, He is God made manifest. The Father being in Christ and Christ being in the Father testifies to the fullness of the deity that dwells in Christ the Son and the works that He did testifies to His oneness with the Father. To know the Son is to know the Father and while we may not physically see the Son at this moment, we walk by faith and not by sight and it is with that faith that we know that we will one day see Him as the glorified King of Kings.

How Will You Manifest Yourself to Us?

Judas wanted to know how Jesus would manifest Himself specifically to His followers and not to the world. Judas is likely asking, "Jesus, if you are leaving how will your kingdom be made known? Why will it only be made known to what seems like a select few? Shouldn't the kingdom be seen all the world over?" Jesus does not answer in the way one might expect. Christ manifests Himself in a very specific way. If you are a Christian, you know what it is like for Christ to manifest Himself to you and not to the world. The longer you are a Christian, the clearer this reality is to you. Jesus has manifested Himself to us in a very special way. He has drawn us to Him so that we may know Him and we love Him. We love Him greater than any other person and any other treasure. We know that the world doesn't know Jesus and the reason that they don't know Him is because He has not been manifested to them. As we live this life of faith we are reminded that the Holy Spirit will be our helper, the Spirit will be our guide. It is through Him that we are offered that which the world cannot offer. We have an otherworldly peace, we have an alien righteousness, we have an eternal reward that the world can never offer because the world doesn't know it. In a way, the answer to how Christ will manifest Himself to the world is found in the people that he saved out of the world. How does Christ reveal Himself to the lost? It's through His Word and it's through His Church.