

He's Right Here

In John 14, with the crucifixion looming, the disciples stir with anxiety about what's to come. Jesus calms their fear and sets them on a course to change lives with his gospel. He charges them to follow his commands from love, with a promise that he would equip them and never leave them. Do we have the same mission and promises?

- I. John 14.15 "If you _____ me, you will keep my commands."
 - A. Matthew 11.29 Being a disciple of Jesus means "learning of him" experientially.
 1. He is the pattern for our life. John 14.12 "_____ believes will do the works that I do..."
 2. Jesus was a perfect reflection of the saving love of the Father—we should do what he says.
 - B. Love drives discipleship.
 1. Christlikeness is possible through _____. Luke 6.40
 2. Salvation is not a one-time ticket punch, it is a new "order of life."
 - a) Romans 12.1-2. "Be _____."
- II. John 14.16-20 You will not be left to your own devices.
 - A. v.16-18 Christ offers them "_____ helper,"—the Spirit.
 - a) The Spirit will show up in a major way in Acts 2.
 - b) _____ water will pour out of believers by the Spirit. John 7.38-39
 - B. v.19 Following Christ = Encountering Christ. His life = Your life.
 - C. v. 20 It's going to be recognizable. "You will _____."
- III. John 14.21-24 Christ made manifest, though gone away to Heaven.
 - A. v. 21 "I will manifest to you." His presence will not be out of reach.
 - B. v.22 "How will you be manifest... but _____ to the world?"
 - C. v. 23-24 Because of love, we begin to pattern our lives Jesus' way.
- IV. Encountering Christ in an eternal redeemed life
 1. Christ modeled vertical connection to the Father.
 - a) Frequently in silence, solitude and _____. (Luke 5.16)
 - b) Intake of the Father's _____. (John 14.24)
 2. Christ also modeled how to pour that life into others.
 - a) Leading with and a servant's heart, being desirous of souls. (Luke 6.36)
 - b) Output of the Word... in word and deed. (John 14.23-24)

Christ was soon to depart from the earthly world, and the disciples lives were going to be radically changed. As their teacher, he prepared them for what was to come and what they would need to do. Do we trust that he will do the same for us? Are we dedicated to accessing the life that is promised to us in Christ if we keep his word?