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***Days With Jesus, Day 43—Spiritual GPS***  
**John 14:1-14**

**Believers have a HOME in heaven**

After Judas left the last supper to betray Jesus, he gives his disciples words of comfort for the stressful trial ahead. In the next 24 hours, they would be scattered and confused, wondering if Jesus was who he claimed to be. In response, Jesus says that they can be as confident in him as they are in God. *When we trust in Jesus, we are trusting in God!* Jesus encourages them that he will depart back to heaven to prepare rooms (Gr. *moné*, ‘individual dwelling’) for all believers in the Father’s house (Gr. *oikia*, ‘family residence’; Ps. 23:6; Heb. 13:4; Rev. 21:2, 3). *Don’t get comfortable; this isn’t our home, we’re just passing through* (1 Pet. 2:11)!

**Jesus is the only WAY to heaven**

When Jesus said they knew the way (Gr. *hodos*, ‘road, path’) to where he was going, Thomas replied he couldn’t follow without directions. Jesus told him he didn’t need a roadmap, because Jesus *was* the road! *If you know Jesus, you’re on the road to heaven* (Matt. 7:13, 14)! Jesus claimed to be the way (road), the truth, and the life, and that no one gets to the Father (heaven) without him. This claim sets Jesus apart from every religion and cult. Jesus says God is real, heaven is real, and access to heaven is only through him—who makes people holy so they can dwell with a holy God! *Jesus gives us the way to God, the truth about God, and the life from God so we can live with God* (John 3:18, 36; 5:24; 10:9; 1 John 5:11, 12)!

**To see Jesus on earth is to see the FATHER in heaven**

When Philip asked to see the Father, Jesus rebuked him and equated seeing his life to seeing God the Father in the flesh! As no one can see the Father physically, Jesus displayed Him so perfectly, they’re described as being ‘in’ one other. *There is one God, eternally existing as three Persons; if you’ve seen One, you’ve seen the Other* (Duet. 6:4; John 1:18; 10:30-33). Jesus encouraged his disciples that they’d be given his power to do greater things in quantity, not quality, than he was able to do while alive. Their miracle working ability couldn’t use God’s power outside of His purpose, and to pray in ‘Jesus’ name’ was an acknowledgement of where the power and purpose came from (Matt. 6:9, 10; 1 John 5:14, 15). *There is power in the name of Jesus when we walk in his way and pray for his will!*