

The Final Messages of Jesus

PART 2 HANDOUT

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God wants us to know the love of Christ that surpasses all understanding.

JOHN 14:1-3 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God ; believe also in me. 2My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

At the core of who you are, there should be peace.

JOHN 14:4 4You know the way to the place where I am going.”

JOHN 14:5-6 5Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” 6Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Maybe you have asked this question: How do I know I’m going to Heaven?

JOHN 14:7 7If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

- Jesus says, it’s not about doing/knowing things. **It’s about knowing ME. I am the Way. If you know Me you know the Way.** Our time with God has to be about knowing Him, not just knowing about Him.

In Greek, there are two different words for “know”: *oida* (OY-dah) and *ginosko* (gee-NO-sko). *Oida* is seen or perceived knowledge - it is a cognitive knowledge. The other word, *ginosko*, is experienced and intimate knowledge. We need both kinds of knowledge when it comes to knowing God.

Jesus told Thomas that knowing the facts about the future was less important than having a relationship with him. Knowing what will happen would not bring

Thomas peace but knowing the one who holds his future could. When you know—or *ginosko*—him, you can trust his loving plan, even when the future is unsure.

JOHN 14:8-9 8Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” 9Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

JOHN 14:10 10Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

- Everything that Jesus spoke came from the Father. The gracious words from Jesus are a reflection of the love of the Father.

JOHN 14:12-14 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. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Then how were they greater? They had the privilege of testifying by word and deed to the finished work of Christ, whereas Jesus’ ministry prior to his death and resurrection only foreshadowed these things.

Whatever you ask for in My name: This is not a blank check!

First, Jesus promises to answer any prayer made in his name. So whatever we ask of God, it needs to be in line with what Jesus wants for us.

Second, Jesus promises to grant our requests so that the Father might be glorified.

POINT: To know God and experience Him results in a life that prays and seeks to bring Him glory.