

# The Final Messages of Jesus

## PART 3 HANDOUT

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How is it that we can do greater things?

**JOHN 14:16-17** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate (*helper* *ESV*) to help you and be with you forever—<sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the action by which God takes up permanent residence in the body of a believer in Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit is the power behind you and I doing the “greater things” that Jesus was referring to. We can’t do it on our own, but with His strength, we can accomplish the purpose that Christ set out for us - Greater Things!

**JOHN 14:18-20** I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.<sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

The disciples would not be left alone in this world after Jesus departs. They would not feel like orphans. God would be with them always.

**JOHN 14:21** <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

These “commands” encompass all of Jesus’ words and teachings, which, in truth, are God the Father’s words

Jesus promised that what was expected at the end time would be experienced (in part) in the present time. It would occur through the coming of the Spirit, whereby the Father and the Son would make their home with believers.

**JOHN 14:23-24** 23 Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

### **We show our love by our obedience**

- Obeying Christ’s commands means copying the example of Jesus ([John 13:15–16](#)).
- Loving Jesus is not merely a feeling; it is an active, abiding, ongoing relationship of following and obeying our loving Master: “We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands” ([1 John 2:3](#)).

### **If you love me, my Father and I will make our home with you.**

**JOHN 14:25-26** 25 “All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

How do we discern that God the Holy Spirit is speaking to us?

- **Measure our experiences against what God has already said.**
- **God cannot lie (Titus 1:2) and will not lead us into sin** (James 1:13)

**KEY:** The Holy Spirit always points us to God and away from sin. When the Holy Spirit speaks, Jesus is always the main character. He doesn’t act to make us more impressive, but to impress on us the greatness of Jesus.

**POINT:** I choose to obey God’s commands each day, and be empowered by the guidance of the Holy Spirit.