

## Scripture:

John 14:1-12

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

## Notes:

Ask yourself two questions:

- What are you worried about?
- What does the Bible say about worry?

Matthew 6:27, John 14:27, Matthew 6:33-34, Proverbs 3:5-6, Joshua 1:9, Proverbs 12:25

Thomas

- Notoriously known as 'Doubting Thomas'
- Skeptical that Jesus had risen from the dead (needed proof)
- Was also loyal. In John 11:16 he is willing to risk his life for Lazarus
- Was HONEST with Jesus!
- Eventually confesses Jesus as Lord in John 20

Jesus' Response to Thomas

- Proclaims 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life...'
- ONLY way to salvation
- Being a good person is not enough (Romans 3:10, Psalm 14:1-3)
- Is firm with Thomas but does not condemn

### Jesus is the Way

- Our human instinct is to know where we are going before we start a journey
- Jesus makes it clear we won't always know the defined way we are supposed to travel
- Abide in him. How? Read the Word
- Matthew 7:13-14
- John 4:4
- Hold fast to the Shepherd to guide us

### Philip

- Very close to Jesus
- Spent 3 years living with Him
- Saw numerous demonstrations of Jesus' divinity
- Tested by Jesus
- Philip tells someone about Jesus immediately after meeting Him

### Jesus' response to Philip

- 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me...'
- Jesus and the Father are one
- Jesus speaks nothing on His own authority

### Jesus is the Truth

- Christ shed his blood for us (sinners) and offered the ONLY way for forgiveness
- Is this offensive?
- Matthew 11:6
- Earthly ministry was only 3 years. Murdered
- Jesus expected His disciples to carry on His ministry after He departed
- WE are called to be ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20)
- How do we learn more truth? Read the Word

### Jesus is the Life

- Current life is not the point
- John 10:10
- What do we do? Seek the things that are above (Colossians 3:1)
- Gives eternal life to all who BELIEVE

### How much are we like Thomas and Philip?

- Keep questioning to learn
- Learn from the Word

You want to be sure. You want to be secure. You want to have hope. You want to live with courage. You don't want to be weakened by fear, paralyzed by doubt, or filled with the anxiety of wondering what's next. You want to know that your life means something. You want to know that your labors are worth something. You want to know that you're not alone. You want to know that you'll have the resources to face whatever is coming next. You want to have inner peace. You want to have motivation to continue. You don't want to feel unprepared, weak, or unable. You don't ever want to think that it's all been for naught. Yes, you want to stand on the firm foundation of surety, and you will look to something to give it to you. - Paul Tripp

Action Items:

- Share this "good news" with someone
- Be an active seeker
- Pray specifically for who God puts on your heart. Write them a letter
- Read the Word
- Be honest with God. Come to him as you are. He knows your heart already anyway