

JESUS THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

Lesson IV.

John 14 : 1-14—Memory Verses 2-6

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1. Let not your heart be troubled : ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2. In my Father's house are many mansions : if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself ; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

4. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5. Thom'as saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest ; and how can we know the way ?

6. Je'sus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life : no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also : and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8. Phil'ip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9. Je'sus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Phil'ip ? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father : and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father ?

10. Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me ? the words I speak unto you I speak not of myself : but—the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11. Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me : or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also ; and greater *works* than these shall he do ; because I go unto my Father.

13. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14. If ye shall ask anything in my name I will do *it*.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The disciples felt very sorry when Jesus told them that soon He must leave them. They had been with Him for nearly three years and had learned to love and trust Him.



Jesus knew how lonely and frightened they felt, so to comfort them he said, "Let not your heart be troubled."

He knew, too, they would feel happier if they knew just exactly where He was going and what He was going to do ; so He said, "I am going away to get a place ready for you in My Father's house in heaven. When it is ready I am coming back again to take you to live with me there."

Thomas was not very sure that he understood what Jesus meant ; so he asked, "But how can we know the way ?" Jesus said, "I *am* the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No man cometh unto the Father but by Me."

Philip had often heard Jesus speak before of His Father in Heaven, but thought he would like to see Him with his eyes just as they could see Jesus at that moment, so he said, "Show us the Father."

Then Jesus explained that they had all really seen His Father, because they had seen Him, for His Father was just like Him, and it was the Father who had given Him the power to do wonderful works, like opening the eyes of a blind man or raising a dead man to life again.

Jesus told His friends that, after He had gone back to heaven, if they trusted in Him, His Father would give them power to do even greater things than they had seen Him do.

Jesus wants everybody in the world to get acquainted with His Father, and that is one reason why He came to this world, and, because He