

LESSON IV. JESUS THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE April 23, 1899

John 14: 1-14. Commit to memory vs. 26. Study also Acts 4: 8-12.

1. Let not your heart be troubled: (1) 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. (3) I go to prepare a place for you.

3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I (4) will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also.

4. And (5) whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how (6) can we know the way?

6. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no (7) man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7. If ye had known me, ye (8) should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8. Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and (9) yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; (10) and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10. Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me, that the world, that I (11) speak unto you I speak not (12) of myself: but the Father (13) 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 (14) my Father.

13. A d 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 (15) anything in my name, I will do it.

Revised Version—(1) *Margin*, Or, Believe in God; (2) *Margin*, Or, Abiding places; (3) For I go; (4) I come; (5) will receive; (6) Whither I go, ye know the way; (7) How know we the way? (8) No one cometh; (9) Would; (10) Dost thou not know me? (11) Omit and and then; (12) Say unto you; (13) From myself; (14) The Father abiding in me doeth his works; (15) The Father. (15) Ask me anything that will I do.

GOLDEN TEXT

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life."—John 14: 6.

DAILY READINGS

M.—John 14: 1-14. Jesus the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

T.—John 17: 1-10. The Life.

W.—John 17: 11-19. The Truth.

Th.—John 17: 20-26. The Way.

F.—Eph. 2: 13-22. Way, to the Father.

R.—Acts 4: 1-12. The only Way.

S.—Heb. 10: 11-22. The living Way.

LESSON PLAN

JESUS THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.

Jesus comforts his disciples.

I. By the Promise of a Home, 1-3.

Peter.

II. By Pointing out the Way, 4-7.

Thomas.

III. By the Revelation of the Father, 8-11.

Philip.

IV. By gracious Promises, 12-14.

All.

TIME and PLACE

As in previous lesson, the night before the crucifixion and in upper room in Jerusalem.

CATECHISM

Q. 56. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?

A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is, That however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 1 (P.C.), 89, 129, 266, 587.

CONNECTION

Jesus and His disciples are still at the supper table. Judas has gone out on his dreadful errand (13: 27-30.) Jesus tells the others that He will be with them only a little longer; that He is going where they cannot come (v. 33). They are in distress and He proceeds to give them cheer.

EXPLANATION

1, 2. Troubled. Tossed and agitated like water driven by the winds. **Ye believe in God.** To look Godward will quiet their fears. **Believe also in me.** "I, too, am God and you know how I have loved and hallowed, for you; trust me still." **My Father's house,** Heaven: which is your true home; **many mansions,** resting or abiding-places.

3, 4 If I go... I will come again. In the East two invitations were given to a feast, one before and the other after its preparation.

That where I am. The hope of the soul is to be with Jesus in glory. (Phil. 1: 23; John 17: 24.)

5. Thomas, the cautious disciple. He gives his assent slowly and only as he is quite sure (20: 24-29). His slowness affords occasion for one of the most memorable of the sayings of our Lord.

6. I am the way. Jesus Himself in His person, His life, His work, is the way by which men come to the Father; **The truth,** Himself not only speaking, but living all truth about