

Bible Stories for Adults

Jesus is the Way to the Father

John 14

Opening

Gathering: What different ways do people believe will take them to heaven?

Today's Focus: Jesus prepared His disciples to prepare their hearts to follow Him to the place He would prepare for them in His Father's house.

Key Verses: *Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me.* John 14:1

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
John 14:6

Opening Prayer

Lesson

Jesus' Last Week of Glory (*John 12*)

How did Jesus' last week begin?

John 12:12-13

Did His disciples understand the meanings behind the praises?

John 12:16

Did the news of Jesus spread or dwindle during His last week?

John 12:17-18, 20-21

How did the "devout" Pharisee Jews feel about what they saw?

John 12:19

Why was it important for many to hear about Jesus at this time?

John 12:23

How did God the Father even further strengthen the news of Jesus as His Son?

John 12:28-30

Did this special revelation help the Jewish leaders believe in Him?

John 12:37

Did any religious leaders accept Jesus as the Messiah or were they all against Him?

John 12:42-43

Jesus' Last Week of Trouble (*John 13*)

Did Jesus relish in the glory, praise and attention He received during His last week?

John 12:27

Did His distress diminish as the week progressed?

Mark 14:32-34

How much anguish was Jesus really in?

Luke 22:44

Was Jesus overwhelmed with His impending suffering and death, or was He distracted by His fame?

John 13:1

How did Jesus try to prepare them for what was about to happen?

John 13:31-33

Did Jesus expect them to understand what He was saying?

John 13:7

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The Apostles' Understanding (*John 13*)

Did the apostles at least understand that Jesus was about to offer His life as the sacrificial lamb?

John 13:3-6, 8

Was it just Peter, or were the other apostles expecting Jesus to become a king?

Matthew 20:20-21

When Will They Learn? (*John 14:25-26*)

Did they understand better after Jesus had been crucified?

Luke 24:13, 18-21

Did they finally understand after Jesus arose?

Acts 1:6

When would they eventually understand?

John 14:25-26

When did they finally understand?

Acts 2:1, 4, 32-33, 36

Can we expect to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit as the apostles did?

Acts 2:37-39

I'm Leaving Soon (*John 13:33-38*)

What was one thing that Jesus felt His apostles should understand at this time?

John 13:33

Knowing Jesus was deeply troubled of danger in Jerusalem, what did the disciples naturally ask?

John 13:36

Why did the disciples think Jesus wouldn't let them follow Him now?

John 13:37

How well would Peter (The Rock) follow through with his intentions to stand up for Jesus?

John 13:38

Repeating something three times stressed its certainty (Isaiah 6:3; Jeremiah 7:4)

I'm Leaving Soon (*John 14:1-4*)

How did Jesus try to calm the confused and upset apostles?

John 14:1

Did Jesus answer their question of where He was going?

John 14:2-4

Where is Your Father's House? (*John 14:5-11*)

What question did Jesus' answer raise in the disciples who wanted to stay with Him?

John 14:5

How did Jesus tell them the directions to His Father's house?

John 14:6-7

How did Philip show that they had no idea what Jesus was saying?

John 14:8

How did Jesus answer this stupid question?

John 14:9-11

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While I'm Gone (*John 14:12-31*)

What would Jesus do for His people while He is with the Father?

John 14:12-14

What would Jesus leave with them while He was gone?

John 14:16-17, 26-27

So, if Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit in His place, then why do we say Jesus is with us?

John 14:18-23

My Father's House (*Revelation 21*)

Would there really be plenty of room with Jesus for all who follow Him?

John 14:2

How did John describe the vast size of the Father's house in his apocalyptic book?

Revelation 21:15-17

Note: 12,000 stadia is 1400 miles; 144 cubits is 200 feet

How special and ornate is this place Jesus has prepared?

Revelation 21:18-19a, 21

Is this great place intended for God or His people?

Revelation 21:1-4

Why isn't there a temple in God's great city?

Revelation 21:22

Why is there no need for the sun, the moon or light bulbs?

Revelation 21:23

Into the Promised Land (*John 14:3*)

How were God's Old Testament people led to a place of rest?

Numbers 10:33

How are we as God's New Testament people led to our place of rest?

John 14:3

How was Israel shown the **way** into the fulfillment of God's **truth of life** in the Promised Land?

Joshua 3:17

How are we, as the New Israel, shown the **way** of God's **truth of life** in the Promised Land?

John 14:6

Jesus doesn't show us the way, He IS the Way, the Truth and the Life

The Way, The Truth and The Life (*John 14:6*)

How did man come to the Father under the Old Testament covenant?

Hebrews 9:1-3, 6-8

How is Jesus The Way to the Father under God's New covenant?

Hebrews 10:19-20

How did God specially show us that Jesus opened a way for us into His Most Holy Place?

Mark 15:37-38

Why is it important that Jesus is The Truth?

John 8:24, 31-32

How is Jesus The Life that God intends for His people?

John 6:33-35, 40

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Finding The True Way of Life (*Acts 4:12*)

Is there any other True Way to receive Life?

Acts 4:12

What do we have to do to earn this Way into True Life?

Ephesians 2:8-9

How do we build our faith enough to earn our Way into True Life?

1 Corinthians 12:3

The Son Shows Us the Father (*John 14:7-11*)

How did Jesus respond when the disciples asked to see the Father?

John 14:7-11

Before Jesus, had any man ever seen God the Father?

John 1:18

How does Jesus show us the Father?

Colossians 1:15

How is Jesus *the image of the invisible God*?

Hebrews 1:3a

If Jesus shines God's light so brightly, how can unbelievers not see Him?

2 Corinthians 4:4

Ask in My Name (*John 14:12-14*)

How do Christians radiate Christ's glory?

John 14:12

What does Jesus promise for the lives of those who have faith in Him?

John 14:13-14

Closing Prayer

Response - Consider and meditate on one each day this week

1. How well do I understand the truths that God has revealed to me?
(*John 13:7; 14:25-26; 16:12-13; 20:31; Mark 8:21; 1 Corinthians 2:; Hebrews 5:11-14; 1 John 2:27*)
2. Do I know how to find my Way to the Father's House?
(*John 14:1-6; Matthew 24:30-31; 24:36-25:46; Acts 4:12; 10:43; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*)
3. What is the Truth that I believe about how to get to the Father's house?
(*John 14:6-14, 23-24; Mark 16:16; John 3:16-18; 18:37-38; Acts 16:31; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7*)
4. What Life am I expecting at my Father's house?
(*John 14:25-29; Isaiah 11:6-9; 25:6-8; 49:8-11; 65:17-25; Revelation 7:9-17; 21*)
5. When have I caught a glimpse of God's presence?
(*John 14:19-21; 16:16-24; 17:6, 24-26; Isaiah 43:10-12; Matthew 11:25-27; Romans 16:25-26*)