

John 14:1-14

14:1

After telling him that he will disown his lord, Jesus tells Peter (and the rest of the disciples) that they are not to let their hearts be troubled. He is saying, in a sense: “Yes, Peter, you will do the very thing which right now you think would be the last thing you would do: you will deny me. And yet, even when you are denying me and watch me being brought to the place where you cannot go, I do not want you to be troubled, Peter, for all of this is for your own good. I must go away. I must die. I will prepare a place for you. I love you, Peter.”

14:3

Notice how the attention is on Christ bringing his disciples to the place where he has prepared a place for them. They will not get there themselves. God is “running the verbs” here, as he does at all points that have to do with our salvation. Notice those words: “I will come again.” The return of Christ (and not our death) is our ticket to the place where he has prepared a room for us.

14:6

Way- to the Father.

Truth- the reliability of Jesus: who he is and what he does.

Life- that he is and gives.

Oddly enough, the way to the Father will soon lead to unimaginable pain and torture. The truth of Jesus will be attacked by all kinds of false witnesses. The life that Jesus has will soon be taken away.

14:7

The first statement: (“if you had known me”) implies that the disciples do not yet really know Jesus. How is it that they, seemingly from this point on, can see and know Jesus and the Father? What is it that happens here that reveals both to the disciples? (Hint: back to John the Baptist’s testimony about Jesus from John 1.

14:8

Often times, we want nothing more than to see the face of God, even though it would cost us our lives. If you could see the face of the Father, what do you think you'd find?

14:9-11

Philip (the early evangelist from John 1) has his questions answered by Jesus. He lays it on the line and tells Philip that there is nothing to know about the Father that has not been revealed by the Son, for the Father sent the Son and gave him authority to say and do what he said and did.

14:12

What are the works we do that are the same as Jesus?

What are the works we do that are greater than the ones Jesus does?

Why do we get the ability/authority to do such things simply because Jesus is going to the Father?

14:13-14

Notice that Jesus does not say his answers to prayer are "yes, no, or wait." His answer to prayer is always a resounding YES!

So, what do you make of it when you pray your heart out about something and it doesn't happen?