

# John 14:15-31

## 14:15

Do you love Jesus?

We say it frequently in our worship, maybe even in our prayers, but is it true?

When we say that we love Jesus, what do we mean?

Here, Jesus says that love for him equals obedience to His command. What is the “command” that Jesus has in mind? (Maybe we need to go as far back as 6:29 to get the answer.)

## 14:16-17

Here, Jesus is speaking about the Holy Spirit. Unlike in the Old Testament, where the Spirit was given for a time to particular individuals, the Spirit is given to the disciples permanently.

## 14:19

How is it possible that the disciples will see Jesus but the world will not? (Is there a double meaning here?)

## 14:20

The eventual ascension of Jesus means more than that He has gone to the Father. What else does Jesus say that it means? (Notice that He has not only given us the Spirit in his absence, but he has also given us Himself!)

The interconnectedness of the disciple with Jesus is strongly emphasized here. The disciple has more than a relationship with his or her savior; the disciples has communion with his or her savior! We are never alone.

**14:21**

Again, love of Jesus is reflected (or even equals) obedience to His commands.

**14:22-24**

Does Jesus answer the question Judas asked Him? (Notice in 14:23 that now the Father is added to the list of persons of the Trinity who will make their home with the disciple. We had the Spirit in 14:16-17, we had the Son in 14:20, now we have the Father in 14:24!)

**14:26**

Some use this verse to show that it was possible for the Evangelists to remember all that Jesus had said and did and that, therefore, their writings are inspired and without err. Notice an almost-repetition of 14:16-17, the sending of the Holy Spirit from the Father. We believe that the Holy Spirit is sent from the Father and the Son, but here it is only from the Father. Where do we go in Scripture to show that the Holy Spirit comes from both the Father and the Son? (Hint: 15:26 and...)

**14:27**

How does the world give, and how is the way the Son gives different?

**14:28**

We believe that the Father, Son, and Spirit are “co-equal” (Athanasian Creed). So how can Jesus say that the Father is greater than He is?

**14:31**

The scene changes between 14:31 and 15:1. Some say the disciples went out to Gethsemane. Others say that they have not left in 15:1, but that they were planning to leave. Whatever the case, there is a shift in focus from 14 to 15. 14 focuses on the departure of Jesus and the plans He has made for His disciples in His absence. 15 will focus on the disciples remaining faithful to Jesus in his absence.