



THE SIGN OF HIS DIVINITY

BIG IDEA: Jesus is the way to securing our eternal home in Heaven.

DATE: Sunday, March 15, 2026

SCRIPTURE: John 14:1-18

OPENING QUESTION

What are some sights, sounds or smells that make you think of home? *Perhaps it is the smell of your mom's chocolate chip cookies baking, or the sound of John Madden announcing a Sunday afternoon football game on tv, and the feel of your comfy couch as you sit by your dad watching the game.*

SETTING THE STAGE

By the end of John 13, the disciples are overwhelmed. They are grappling with the realization that Jesus, their teacher and Lord, is about to leave them. They are unsettled by the revelation of betrayal within their group, the prediction of Peter's denial, and the call to a life of sacrifice. In their humanity, the disciples might be afraid about what lay ahead. Yet, in the next chapter, Jesus speaks directly to their troubled hearts. *"Don't let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me."* (John 14:1) This call to faith is the antidote to their fear and confusion. Jesus invites them – and us – to trust Him fully, even in the face of uncertainty. While John 13 confronts us with the reality of human frailty, John 14 points us to the hope and assurance we have in Christ.

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 14:1-18 (CSB)

"Don't let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also. ⁴ You know the way to where I am going."

⁵ "Lord," Thomas said, "we don't know where you're going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ "Lord," said Philip, "show us the Father, and that's enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been among you all this time and you do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who lives in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Otherwise, believe because of the works themselves.

¹² "Truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it so that

the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. ¹⁷ He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn't see him or know him. But you do know him, because he remains with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.

DISCUSSION

WHERE YOU'LL GO

John 14: 1-3

What do you picture when you think of Jesus preparing a place for you? How do you think John felt as he tried to write down the vision of heaven he was seeing? Why did God give John this detailed vision of heaven?

WHO YOU KNOW

Read John 14:4-11

Which disciple admitted he had no idea where Jesus was going? How did Jesus respond? How did Jesus explain His connection with the Father?

WHAT JESUS BESTOWS

Read John 14: 12-18

Here we see a series of If/then statements. Fill in the blanks below.

- If you believe in Me, then you will _____.
- If you ask Me anything in My name, then I will _____.
- If you love Me, then you will _____.

And then in verses 14-16 we have a promise – Jesus will be with us through the Holy Spirit.

How do you rely on the Holy Spirit to be your "Counselor?"

How are you living out the truth that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life?

RESPONSE

For troubled disciples – including us – Jesus being the way, truth and life provides comfort and confidence. We don't need to rely on ourselves to reach God, discern truth, or earn our heavenly home. Jesus has already done it! When we receive Jesus as our Savior, we can look forward to being with God in the home He is preparing for us.

READING PLAN

3/15 – Matthew 16; 3/16 – Matthew 17; 3/17 – Matthew 18; 3/18 – 1 Kings 18; 3/19 – 1 Kings 19; 3/20 – 2 Kings 2; 3/21 – 2 Peter 1; *Memory Verse – 2 Peter 1:3*

***Next week in LifeGroup we will study John 15:1-17. Read it this week and come prepared to discuss!**

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