

“John 14”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I discussed John 14. Following are some of the scriptures that were discussed.

Preparing a place and coming again

- John 14:1—If you believe in the Father, believe in the Son of God.
- John 14:2-3—The Son of God informed the disciples that He would prepare a place (using the wording of “mansions” from the Greek word that means “dwellings”).
- 2 Peter 3:10-13—The heavens will pass away, the earth will be burned up, and the elements will dissolve—as disciples look for a new heaven and a new earth.
- Revelation 21:1-3—In a vision, John saw a new heaven and a new earth.

Son reflects the Father

- John 14:5—Thomas asked: “How can we know the way?”
- John 14:6-7—The Son of God said no one comes to the Father except through Him.
- John 14:8—Philip said: “Lord, show us the Father.”
- John 14:9-11—The Son of God asked Philip: “Have you not known Me?”

Earlier episode

- John 5:8-9—The Son of God said: “Rise, take up your bed and walk.”
- John 5:10—The Jews said it was unlawful to carry a bed on the Sabbath.
- John 5:16—The Jews sought to kill the Son of God for healing on the Sabbath.
- John 5:17—The Son of God said: “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.”
- John 5:18—The Jews sought all the more to kill the Son of God—because He claimed that God was His Father, making Himself “equal with God.”
- John 5:30—Seeking the Father’s will.
- John 6:38-40—Doing will of Father.
- John 8:28—Spoke what Father taught.

Whatever you ask?

- John 14:12-13—The Son of God said: "Whatever you ask in My name, that I will do."
- John 14:14—The Son of God said: "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."
- James 4:2-3—Some people don't receive because they don't ask, and other people don't receive because they "ask amiss."

Comforter pronoun

- John 14:16—The Son of God mentioned the "Comforter" with the pronoun "He." (Personal pronouns are also used in John 14:26, John 15:26 and John 16:7.)
- There are many examples of the "personification" of the Spirit. My favorite examples are found when the Son of God said that the Spirit "speaks" to the seven congregations in Revelation 2 and 3.

Power from God

Notice verses about power from God.

- Acts 2:33—The Father promised the Holy Spirit, and He poured it out.
- 2 Corinthians 1:21-22—God sealed disciples by giving the Spirit in their hearts.
- Ephesians 1:13-14—God sealed disciples with the Holy Spirit of promise.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:8—People reject God, who has given His Holy Spirit.
- 2 Timothy 1:6-7—God has given a spirit of power, love and a sound mind.

Going to the Father and coming back

- John 14:18-21—The Son of God said that, because He would live, they would also live.
- John 14:22-29—The Son of God reminded them to keep His word and to not be afraid.
- John 14:30-31—The Son of God reminded them that the ruler of this world was coming, but He (the Son) was going to follow the Father's instructions.