

The Gospel of John

The Father's Will

John 14:1-14

Christ now begins to teach His disciples many vital lessons before the crucifixion. These lessons are intimate, comforting, and deep. He starts these lessons by further revealing the Father's will and His relationship to Him.

The Setting

- At the Last Supper on Tuesday night, 14th of Nisan
- All disciples are present, except Judas

The Story

- The security of the believer (in light of Peter's prophesied failure in 13:36-38):
 - In Christ's Salvation – vs. 1
 - In Christ's Preparation – vs. 2
 - In Christ's Return – vs. 3
 - In Christ's Truth – vs. 4
- Thomas asks how they can know where Christ was going, referring to 13:36 – vs. 5
- Christ responds that He is the only way – vs. 6
 - “Without the way, we cannot go; Without the truth, we cannot know; Without the life, we cannot live. I am the way which you ought to follow; The truth which you ought to believe; The life which you ought to hope for.” – Thomas a Kempis
- To know Christ is to know the Father – vs. 7
- Philip wants to see the Father – vs. 8
 - Philip is a practical thinker. He is asking to see a physical manifestation of God like happened at Sinai.
- Christ says they see the Father in Him and should need no greater sign – vs. 9
- Christ is the Father revealed – vs. 10
- The works (miracles) prove Christ's word as truth – vs. 11
- The empowerment of the believer – vs. 12
 - The word “greater” works are not more powerful or impressive. They are more widespread.
- The power of prayer – vs. 13-14
 - “To ask in Christ's name is, (1.) To plead his merit and intercession, and to depend upon that plea.... (2.) It is to aim at his glory and to seek this as our highest end in all our prayers.” – Matthew Henry