

# The Gospel of John

## The Comforter

### John 14:15-31

The teaching that Christ does at this late hour is very personal and shows His love for His disciples. He knows that the cross is mere hours away and that He will soon depart from this earth. To comfort His disciples, He tells them of the coming and work of the Holy Spirit, a subject that has practically remained a mystery to this point.

### The Setting

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

### The Story

- The test of discipleship: obedience – vs. 15
- The coming of the Holy Spirit – vs. 16-17
- The concern for the disciples – vs. 18
  - He promises He will return quickly (Resurrection) and not leave them as “orphans” by sending the Spirit.
- Foretelling the resurrection – vs. 19
- The resurrection as proof of Christ's deity – vs. 20
- The fruits of obedience – vs. 21
- Judas's question – vs. 22
  - Careful to show this is not the traitor, who has already departed
  - Probably Thaddeus (Lebbaeus) – compare Matthew 10:3 and Mark 3:18
  - Might be the author of Jude, some say it's not
- God reveals Himself to those that love and follow Him – vs. 23
- The test of love is obedience – vs. 24
- The further work of the Spirit – vs. 25-26
- Christ pronounces peace amid the turmoil – vs. 27
- If they understood, the disciples would rejoice at what Christ was about to do – vs. 28
- Christ tells them these things that they will believe later – vs. 29
- The time grows short and Satan marches forward – vs. 30
- The testimony of Christ's actions - vs. 31

With the close of the Chapter, Christ and the Disciples head toward Gethsemane.