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Why would the disciples "hearts be troubled" (John 14:1)?

(John 13:21).

Why does Jesus say, "You believe in God, believe also in Me" (John 14:1)? Is He different from God? Jesus isn't saying that He is apart from God, but telling them to focus their belief in God on Him.

Why does Jesus say that He will "go to prepare a place" (John 14:2) for us at His "Father's house"?

A bridegroom would go away after the betrothal ceremony to prepare at his father's house the room for his [bride](#).

What is Jesus' answer to Philip's question: "Show us the Father"?

"He who has seen Me has seen the Father." (John 14:9)

"I am in the Father, and the Father in Me." (John 14:10)

What is Jesus claiming?

His deity and complete unity with the Father.

Is Jesus really telling His disciples that they will do "greater" works than what He had done? If so, how can that be? The Greek word translated "**greater**" in John 14:12 indicates more in quantity.

Did the disciples raise the dead like Jesus?

_____ (Acts 9:36-42)

Did the disciples heal like Jesus?

How many true disciples did Jesus leave in Jerusalem after 3 years?

About _____ (Acts 1:15)

How many became disciples after Peter's first sermon in Jerusalem?

About _____: (Acts 2:41)

How do the "works" of Jesus and His disciples differ?

Jesus did them by His _____ power. The disciples healed, preached and raised the dead by the power _____ delegated to them.

JOHN 14:13-14 ¹³ And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

Does John 14:14 mean that Jesus will do "anything" we ask as long as we pray in His name?

John 14:14 is often taken out of context and abused to justify asking for earthly riches and other selfish gains.

What is its proper context?

Just before it. Whatever we ask for should be such **"that the Father may be glorified in the Son"** (John 14:13).

How does Jesus want us to express our "love" (John 14:15) for Him?

By keeping His commandments. Jesus did not say, "If you love Me, read the Bible more," or, "If you love Me, hear Biblical sermons." Bible reading and Biblical sermons teach us about Jesus and are important pre-requisites to love Him, which requires obeying His words to **"keep My commandments."**

What is the flipside of "If you love Me, keep My commandments"?

'If you do not keep My commandments, you don't love Me.' Does this mean we are expected to be never commit another sin? What are the commandments Jesus is referring to?

Who is the "Spirit of truth" (John 14:17)?

The Holy Spirit or (a.k.a 'Holy Ghost' or 'Helper')

What three occasions 'could' Jesus have meant in John 14:18?

His resurrection, coming of His Spirit at [Pentecost](#), and/or His second coming.

How serious is Jesus about Christians keeping His "words" (John 14:24) and "commandments" (John 14:21)?

Serious enough to repeat and emphasize it three times in this passage alone.

Is keeping His words and commandment what enables our salvation?

No, it's the evidence of our love for Him and of our salvation, which is a [free gift](#) from Him.

Why must we study the Bible?

Without studying it, we won't know what Jesus said or commanded, which

means we can't evidence our love for Jesus as He wants us to. In addition, we leave ourselves open to distortions and lies that Satan tries to peddle as Jesus' words and commands.

JOHN 14:25-26 ²⁵ **These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.** ²⁶ **But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.**

What will the Holy Spirit do for the disciples?

"Teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." (John 14:26)

What does that mean for the books of the Bible that they wrote down?

The real author is the Holy Spirit.

What will the Holy Spirit do for Christians today?

The same: **"Teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."**

Where are the things that He said to us?

In the Bible.

But don't Christians today need to attend seminaries or learn from those who attended?

They can help but often hinder, as a Master of Divinity degree is being confused with God's gift of teaching: **"Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching"** (Romans 12:6-7). To be taught **"all things"** (John 14:6) Jesus wants you to know, there are two imperatives: (1) Bible and (2) Holy Spirit. If you're missing one or both, no

amount of academic training or human assistance will help. And degreed teachers who have not been gifted by God to teach, teach on their own strength and peril: **"My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment."** (James 3:1)

Don't some people claim the sole authority to interpret the Bible?

Those who make that claim is trying to take the place of the Holy Spirit, which means He is not in them. Given the present reality, it is especially important to sieve through the Bible everything anyone says about it. Remember that the destiny of your soul is too important to be outsourced to someone else.

Why does Jesus say to His disciples, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you"?

Wishing "peace" is integral to both greeting and bidding farewell in the Middle East. Even today, Jews and Arabs say "shalom" and "salaam," respectively, to wish "peace" while saying hello and goodbye. But Jesus' **"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you"** isn't a typical, worldly farewell: **"not as the world gives do I give to you."**

How is Jesus' peace different from the world's peace?

The world's peace lacks earthly conflict and hardship but keeps sinners under God's wrath. Jesus' peace paid for our sins and reconciled us to God the Father, but typically keeps us in conflict with the sinful world.

JOHN 14:28-31 ²⁸ You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. ³¹ But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

What does Jesus say His disciples should do in John 14:28?

They should "**rejoice**" since He is returning to the Father. They will miss Jesus but He will be in a far better place and company. True love wants what's best for the loved person.

Who is the "ruler of this world" (John 14:30)?

Satan.

Why did Jesus say that Satan "has" (John 14:30) nothing in Him?

Echo, the translated Greek verb, means to "possess" or to "hold on to". He is saying that since He has no sin, Satan has no hold on Him. Whatever sins a person has serve as handles for Satan to hold onto him or her.

Then why will Jesus let Himself be taken by the Satan-led mob that was "coming" (John 14:31) for Him?

Because He wants to obey God the Father, who commanded Him to die for the sins of those whom He will save.

Why would God the Father command Jesus to do that?

Because He loves us: "**God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**" (John 3:16)

Why would Jesus obey God the Father?

Because He loves Him and us.