

MAIN POINT: Jesus offers us a life forever in a glorified, resurrected body. The challenge is to take it seriously. Don't be like Phillip who couldn't see that Jesus was God.

14:1-3 HOPE. Jesus' life as an ordinary man is down to a couple of days. The three and a half glorious years with the Master are coming to an end. When he goes to the cross, they are going to be greatly _____. The answer to troubled times for the spiritual person is to _____ God. These Jewish men were raised trusting in the Father God. They have been learning that Jesus is the only Son of the Father who has come from heaven. Jesus encourages them to also trust _____ as God. He has proven that He is God in person, making it possible for humanity to come home. They don't have to be troubled because in His _____ house there are many rooms. (His dwelling place has many mansions.) There is one for each one of them and us. It is important for them to know that they know that they will pass from this life to life with the Father by means of the same resurrection Jesus will show them in His own body in less than a week. So Jesus says, "_____ this were not so, I would tell you plainly." (On my word this is so – I would not lie to you.) "When everything is _____, I will _____ and _____ you, so that you will always be _____ me _____ I am."

14:1 TRUST. The Amplified Bible puts this word "*adhere to-trust in-rely on God.*" Christian faith is acting on what we believe to be true about the Lord, His commands, and promises. It is also true in the world. A young man may believe he has found the right woman but if he does not act and marry her, he will lose her to someone else. Or a good business investment opportunity will not benefit a man unless he risks his money. Faith can be spelled RISK. What stares us in the face is – is what Jesus offers us truth to us? If it is – it is worth some investment – some risk --- of money, comfort, reputation, lifestyle, even safety perhaps, to get a place in heaven. It's easy to "stumble toward destruction." It takes intentional acts to be ready for the return of Jesus when we will rise like eagles to meet him.

14: 2 ROOMS (mansions). The Greek word is "oikos." It means *dwelling* (tabernacle in the Hebrew). There are paintings of heaven as a rolling countryside with mansions dotting the landscape. The better understanding of *oikos* is that it is the dwelling for the God-image person – the spirit or soul.....the resurrection body. "*For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down-when we die and leave these bodies-we will have a home in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands.*" 2 Corinthians 5:1

14:4-6 I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Jesus sets the disciples up for a certain conversation by saying they know something which they actually don't know. "*And you _____ where I am _____ and _____ to get there.*" Thomas answers, "*_____ , we don't know, Lord. We haven't any _____ where you are going, so how*

can we know the _____?" Jesus says, "*I _____ the _____, the _____, and the _____.* No one can come to the Father except by _____."

14:6 THE WAY is a person. Jesus is not going to draw them a map. The way is being in the company of a person, a guide who knows the way. Little children are not able to read maps. The way they travel about is by being in the company of their parents. In the company of their parents, they are without fear and skip along with merry hearts.

• Jesus is not only the one who knows the directions but the one who has the ability to travel from earth through the valley of the shadow of death to the Father's place and then gain us entrance. Death is a dead end, an impassible Grand Canyon-like chasm, for every person. First the Devil stands in the way, refusing passage, because he owns sinners. Jesus pours his blood on the list of our accusations—the payment for sin. (Colossians 2:13) And the enemy has to let us pass. Then at the door of the Father's place Jesus asks us to trade clothes. He takes our spotted and defiled garments and in exchange gives us his white robe so that we appear spotless and glorious to the Father. (Martin Luther) "*Jesus made peace... by means of His blood on the cross...As a result He has brought you into the very presence of God, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.*" Colossians 1:20-22 This is the meaning of the parable of a person who came to the wedding feast but was thrown out because he did not have the proper garment. Matthew 22:11-13

14:6 TRUTH. Jesus is the physical embodiment of "Truth." *Aletheia* in Greek. The word is derived from the negative: "To be hidden, to escape notice." Truth determines to bring reality to public view. It exposes, brings to the light what is fictitious, feigned, or false, or a lie. Truth is about facts, reliability, dependability—what you see is what you get. Our cars run because they were built according to truth— true scientific principles. Positive and enduring relationships require truth. When truth goes and a person gets hurt, trust goes. Now talking about origins of our planet and life and destiny—the truth matters. A person who fabricates his own morality and conclusions about reality is risking eternity. "*But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who push the truth away from themselves. For the truth about God is known to them instinctively. God has put this knowledge in their hearts. From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God.*" Romans 1:18-21

14:7-11 I AND THE FATHER ARE ONE AND THE SAME. Jesus tries to open their eyes to who he is. They should have known by now. It is a typical human failure that we are so wrapped up in ourselves and our thoughts and habits of life that we just don't see the beautiful and wonderful things before us. One man did not know what a treasure his wife was until she nearly died. *"If you had known _____ I _____, then you would have known who my _____ is. From now on you know him and have seen _____!"* (It's Me!) _____ still doesn't get it. He said, *"Lord, show us the _____ and we will be satisfied."* The Lord stands before Philip and asks him how it can be that after all the _____ they had been together, he couldn't see that he was seeing the _____ when he looked at Jesus. How can it be that we haven't come to _____ -to see as true - to have revelation - to have pondered - that Jesus had said I am God with you and come to some conclusion, that indeed *"I am _____ the Father and the Father is _____ me."* People said of _____, "no one ever spoke like this before." Jesus asks if it has not occurred to Philip that his words were not his _____ words but the words of the Father. He asks him if he has really considered the marvelous _____ he has been doing, things that only God could do. That, in fact, it is the Father doing his work through Jesus. He is exhorting Philip to open his eyes and get his mind in gear. *"Don't _____ believe that I am in the _____ and the Father is in me?"*

14:8 PHILIP. Philip is expressing the fundamental blindness and often stubbornness common in the unsaved world and unsaved people - an inability or unwillingness to bow before the one who came in the flesh, washes their feet, and dies for their sins. *'If the Good News we preach is veiled from anyone, it is a sign that they are perishing. Satan, the god of this evil world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe, so they are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News that is shining upon them. They don't understand the message we preach about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.'* 2 Corinthians 4:4

Lord Jesus, save us from this blindness. Deliver us from the Evil One.

What Does This Scripture Say To You? _____