



January 17, 2016 | John 14:1-7

We're jumping over John chapters 12 and 13 which are the Triumphal Entry and the Last Supper. We'll study those chapters just before Easter.

Discuss: Last week we talked about how Jesus' timing and plan is good. How are you doing with trusting God's timing in your life?

Read John 14:1-3. Trust Jesus.

[Q] Why would the disciples' hearts be troubled? Briefly skim John 13 for a few ideas.

[Q] Jesus knew His disciples would fail Him and desert Him. What might He have said to them with that knowledge? What He does say instead?

Jump ahead to John 14:27:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. (ESV)

[Q] In what ways does the world (our society/culture) recommend gaining peace? How is the peace Jesus gives different from the world?

[Q] How would the disciples have been comforted by the commands and promises in John 14:1-3? How do they comfort you?

Read John 14:4-7. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Jesus makes another “I AM” statement in verse 6.

[Q] Jesus does not simply teach the way or point the way; *He is the way*. What does it mean that He is the way? See Ephesians 2:18; Hebrews 10:19-20; John 10:9.

Isn't Jesus' statement that He is the only way to God quite exclusive? See Acts 4:12. Why is this claim such a stumbling block for so many people?

“This is good news! While on the one hand this statement from Jesus is hard news—there is one exclusive way to know God, and it is only through Jesus—it is also liberating news. Jesus is declaring the gospel here, the news that sinners can have a relationship with God and a place in heaven not through hard-wrought effort, but through casting themselves on the merit of Jesus. The way to heaven, Jesus says, is through himself. The way to heaven isn't to work harder and do more, but rather to trust that Jesus has done the work for us. He made a way for us. Jesus is the mediator between God and sinful humanity.” -- *Knowing the Bible: John, A 12-Week Study*

[Q] What does it mean that Jesus *is* the truth? See John 1:14, 17.

What are the implications of this for you? For our world?

[Q] What does it mean that Jesus *is* the life? See John 1:3-4; 5:21, 26; 10:28; 11:25-26; 1 John 5:11-12.

How does this affect you? If Jesus is your Life, what difference will it make to you tomorrow?

Pray for those who need to know the Way, see the Truth and have new Life.

Next week: John 14: 8-14. **Note:** Jesus was the only way for Old Testament believers, too. They looked *forward* to Christ, see John 8:56; Romans 4:1–24; Hebrews 11:13, 26.