



Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John – Week 35

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Summary:

This passage begins what is known as the “Farewell Discourse” in John’s gospel – a lengthy section of teaching given by Jesus to the 11 remaining disciples (Judas has left, intent on his mission to betray Jesus). In this opening portion of the discourse, Jesus offers great consolation to his disciples, giving them a foundation for true and lasting hope, and he also highlights his own distinctive and exclusive claims with regard to divinity and salvation.

Discussion:

1. What was the most important take-away for you from this week’s message?
2. How does the beginning of verse 1 (“Let not your hearts be troubled”) connect the preceding part of the narrative with what Jesus is preparing to say?
3. What support do you see in this passage for Jesus’ claim to divine nature?
4. How does Jesus prepare his disciples for what is getting ready to happen? What grounds for hope does he give them to sustain them through the difficult times ahead (see vv. 2-4, 12-15)? **Application:** How does the hope in this text help sustain *you* through difficult times?

5. What resonates with you about Thomas' question in v. 5? How does Jesus' answer give assurance to Thomas and the other disciples?

6. What is Philip's mistake (v. 8)? What is he missing? **Application:** In what ways have you missed the truth about Jesus, even when it was right under your nose? How can each of us misunderstand Jesus even after walking with him for many years?

7. What was the source of Jesus' power and authority (vv. 10-11)? What were his miraculous works meant to do?

8. Put the meaning of vv. 12-14 in your own words. How do you understand what Jesus is saying? **Application:** What does it look like for you to do "greater works than these"? What does it mean in practical terms that "If you ask [Jesus] anything in [his] name, [he] will do it," (v. 14)? What problems might arise out of misunderstanding these promises?

9. What marks the one who loves Jesus? **Application:** How well do your love *for* Jesus and your obedience *to* Jesus align?

10. How would you 'title' this section? In other words, how would you restate the main purpose John had (as the author) in writing this passage?