



Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John – Week 36

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Summary:

As Jesus continues his Farewell Discourse, he tells them of his upcoming departure (14:1-6), but he doesn't leave them without hope. In this week's passage, Jesus promises the arrival of a Helper, one who can sustain, lead, and guide Jesus' followers even after his physical departure. This is one of the clearest and deepest teachings in Scripture on the person, nature, and work of the Holy Spirit, and provides the foundation for a church that follows Christ in obedience and discipleship, empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue Jesus' work until he returns.

Discussion:

1. What was the most important take-away for you from this week's message?
2. The theme of obedience to the Lord's commands is prominent in this passage. What's the impetus for obedience in the lives of Christians, according to Jesus (see v. 15, 21, 23-24, etc.).
3. What's the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church (vv.16-17, 26)?
4. Why is the Holy Spirit's presence so vital (cf. v. 18-19, 27)? **Application:** What does your own experience of the Holy Spirit look like? How central to your own discipleship are the person and work of the Holy Spirit?

5. How does the Holy Spirit bring peace? How does his peace differ from the world's peace? **Application:** Have you experienced supernatural peace? What did that look like?

6. Notice Jesus' repeated command: "Let not your hearts be troubled" (14:1 and 27). Why was this so important, given the situation?

7. Why should the disciples "rejoice" that Jesus is going away (v. 28)?

8. What do the events of Good Friday say about Jesus' relationship with the Father (vv. 30-31)? Notice that Jesus doesn't merely talk about the relationship between love and obedience – he lives it at great cost to himself.

9. **Application:** Can there be true love for the Lord apart from obedience? How do you understand the relationship between love for God and obedience to his commands? What does this mean for us when we struggle with sin and disobedience?

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?