



NEW TESTAMENT • LESSON 34

JESUS PROMISES TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.



MONDAY

THE STORY: JOHN 14:1-14

Jesus is the way. Jesus was about to go to the cross. By his death on the cross, Jesus would make a way for men to know God and fellowship with Him forever. Jesus, in a declaration of His divinity, told the disciples that to know Him is to know the Father. Paul said it like this: “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation” (Colossians 1:15). The Father is a spirit. He does not have a human body. We come to know the Father in Jesus Christ, who is both God and man. Jesus is the way to salvation, He is the way to the Father and is the way to heaven. He will return and take us to heaven when He comes again.

TALK ABOUT IT:

Can we understand what Jesus is saying in this passage? (Yes and no. We can understand and believe that Jesus is in the Father and that the Father is in Him, but we cannot fully comprehend how that is.)

Are Jesus and the Father one or two? (They are two distinct persons, but one essence.)

What are other false “ways” do some people embrace? (The greatest lie is to think that “we” are the way. That is, that we can work our own way to God by the good things we do. This lie is behind most false religions. The truth is that none of us could ever be good enough. The second greatest lie is to believe there is “no way” and that all we have are the pleasures of life. This is the lie behind those who embrace no religion.)

PRAY:

Ask God to help you believe and place your trust in Jesus as the only way.

**TUESDAY****THE STORY: JOHN 14:5-27**

Now that Jesus is gone, how can we possibly know the truth? Well, God has given us two wonderful gifts. First, we have His Word, the Bible, which records the life and ministry of Christ. It does not record everything He said but it does record everything we need. The second gift is the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, “the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you”. This is the primary mission of the Spirit of God, to point people to Jesus and His words.

In this passage of Scripture we see the Trinity wonderfully displayed. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit will be sent by the Father (see John 14:26). But then He said He was the one coming back (see John 14:28). So it seems that Jesus and the Spirit are one. Jesus also said, “I am in the Father and the Father is in me” (John 14:11). So it seems that Jesus and the Father are one. If Jesus and the Father are one, and Jesus and the Spirit are one, they are all three in one!

TALK ABOUT IT:

Does everyone receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit? (No, not everyone receives the Holy Spirit. Jesus makes a contrast between His followers and the world. The Holy Spirit is given to those who believe in Jesus, not to unbelievers in the world.)

What does the Holy Spirit do for us? (The Holy Spirit does many things, but His main mission is to point us to Christ. The Holy Spirit helps us to understand the Bible. He also equips and empowers us for God's work in the world.)

PRAY:

Ask God to touch each person in your family with His Spirit that you might believe and come to know Jesus better and better.



**WEDNESDAY
WHERE IS THE GOSPEL?**

THE STORY: JOHN 14:6

Jesus is the way, Jesus is the truth, and Jesus is the life. He is the beginning and the middle and the end. The spiritual food that sustains us is His Word, and His regenerating Spirit gives us everlasting life.

In these final instructions, Jesus told His disciples that He was going to go to the Father in heaven and asked the Father to send the Holy Spirit. The disciples didn't realize that in a few hours Jesus would be arrested, tried, and sentenced to death.

On the cross, Jesus took the penalty for the sins of mankind. The Holy Spirit does not dwell within men apart from Jesus' sacrifice. Jesus paid the penalty for our sin, making us holy and acceptable in God's sight. It is only when we trust the blood of Christ for forgiveness for our sins that we are declared righteous. Then the Holy Spirit makes His home in our hearts. The gospel makes Jesus' promises possible.

TALK ABOUT IT:

How many ways to God are there? (There is only one way to God; Jesus is the way.)

What did Jesus do to make the path to God possible? (Jesus died on the cross for our sins. Parents, draw out the full gospel from your children. You want to make sure they know the gospel. We can't make them believe, but we can make sure they know what to believe.)

PRAY:

Pray that each member of your family would be touched by God so as to believe and place their trust in Jesus, who is the only way to the Father.



THURSDAY

THE STORY: JOHN 15:1-8

Jesus is the life. Jesus is the way and the truth, and now He describes Himself as the life. He uses the picture of a grapevine. Jesus tells us that He is the vine, and we are branches that will bear much fruit. If you cut off a branch, it cannot survive. A branch's only hope of bearing fruit is by remaining in the vine. Our lives must be spent pursuing Jesus and remaining in Him. We do this by following His Word, offering our lives in service to the Lord, and worshipping Him in our hearts every day.

TALK ABOUT IT:

What does Jesus say our relationship with him is like? (Jesus said He is like a vine and we are like branches that need to stay in the vine to be fruitful.)

What kinds of things can tempt us to leave the vine? (There are many idols which can tempt us. Money, possessions, power, fame, the praise of men, control and many other things try to lie to us and claim they can give us a better life.)

What things are most likely to tempt you away from Christ? (Parents take the lead in confession and allow your children to follow your example.)

PRAY:

Ask the Lord to forgive you for the ways you have left Him and ask Jesus to help each member of your family be like a branch in Him that remains in Him.



**FRIDAY
ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS**

THE STORY: ISAIAH 29:18-20

There are several key phrases that help us see Jesus in this passage. Jesus is the one who makes the deaf hear and the blind see. This word of Isaiah has its fulfillment in part at the first coming of Christ and will be fulfilled at His second coming. That is when the ruthless will vanish, the mockers will disappear, and when all who have an eye for evil will be cut down (see Isaiah 29:20).

TALK ABOUT IT:

When the Old Testament talks about a future day when the blind see or the deaf hear, does it always point to Jesus? (Yes, it is pointing forward to Christ.)

How does it encourage us to know that God's salvation was planned ahead of time? (The only way God could plan the details of salvation for us through Jesus is if He has always been in control of all things. If God is in control of all things, we can place our trust in Him.)

PRAY:

Thank God for His sovereign control over all things.