



**Way, Truth, and Life**  
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**Introduction**

In this passage God comforts Christians by explaining heaven’s hope, Jesus’ ministry, and prayer’s power.

**The Text: John 14:1-14**

1) Jesus comforts us by telling us about the future (vv. 1-4).

- a) *Heaven is true and real – a place where God dwells permanently with his people.*
- b) *“Rooms” refers not to “mansions” (KJV), but “a restful place.”*
- c) *The “going” of Jesus is a technical term for his death, resurrection, and ascension.*
- d) *Heaven is the New Creation, not away from this creation but the renewal (healing) of creation.*
- e) *With these words, Jesus is giving us lenses to see our present world and circumstances.*

Romans 8:18-25: <sup>18</sup> *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.* <sup>19</sup> *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.* <sup>20</sup> *For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope* <sup>21</sup> *that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.* <sup>22</sup> *For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.* <sup>23</sup> *And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.* <sup>24</sup> *For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?* <sup>25</sup> *But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

2) Jesus comforts us by grounding us in his person (vv. 5-7).

- a) *Jesus is the Way – our access to God.*
- b) *Jesus is the Truth – our explanation of God.*
- c) *Jesus is the Life – our participation in God.*

3) Jesus comforts us by empowering us in the present (vv. 8-14).

*Does v. 12 mean Christians will do “greater works” than Jesus performed during his ministry?*

*Do vv. 13-14 mean Christians can ask (and get) whatever they ask for in the name of Jesus?*

*What, then, do these vv. 12-14 teach us?*

*a) Jesus will be even more present (by the Spirit).*

*b) Prayer that aligns with Jesus will fit the mission of God and the character of God.*

*c) Christian prayer trusts God with both the resources and the results.*

## Response

Jesus is our comfort, in this life and the life to come.

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### Sunday Text Questions for John 14:1-14

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- 1) Starter Question: What comes to mind when you hear the word, “heaven?”
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) One purpose of Jesus’ farewell speech is to comfort his disciples as he prepares to leave them. How does vv. 1-4 provide comfort to Christians today?
- 4) What do most people think about heaven, and how do vv. 2-3 explain the place and purpose of heaven?
- 5) Do you think of heaven as “up in the air” or as “creation renewed,” and which one is more biblical (see also Romans 8:18-25)?
- 6) What is Jesus communicating about himself when he says: “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life” in v. 6?
- 7) What does Jesus mean when he says to Philip in v. 9: “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father” (see also John 1:18)?
- 8) How might a person improperly interpret v. 12 regarding “greater works,” and how are these works not in *comparison* to Jesus but in *collaboration* with Jesus?
- 9) How might a person improperly interpret vv. 13-14 regarding prayer, and how does praying “in Jesus name” instruct us to submit the prayer to the power and the purpose of God?
- 10) Concluding summary: What does this text teach us about *faith* (doctrine), *hope* (desire), and/or *love* (duty)?

**Further study this week:** Romans 8 on the renewal of creation (Mon); Revelation 21 on heaven (Tues); Matthew 6 on the Lord’s Prayer (Wed); 1 John 5, especially v. 14, on praying according to God’s will (Thurs); James 4 on praying with right motives (Fri).