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Teaching Outline

The Bible Week 5

The Journey from Confusion to Clarity

John 14:1-14 (NLT) ¹ “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me.² There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.”⁵ “No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?”⁶ Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.⁷ If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!”

If I will just _____ Jesus, He will _____ me to the Father!

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”⁹ Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you?¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me.¹¹ Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do.¹² “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.¹³ You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.¹⁴ Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

We can _____ people from confusion to clarity.

John 20:19-31 (NLT)

¹⁹ That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said.²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord!²¹ Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”²² Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴ One of the disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came.²⁵ They told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.”²⁶ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. “Peace be with you,” he said.²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”²⁸ “My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed.²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”

God isn’t _____ by our honest confusion.

True faith is in not _____ and yet _____!

Thomas didn’t _____ in doubt... he made a _____ ... what will _____ decide?