**WISDOM IN THE GOSPELS 07-19-2020 J O H N 14: 1 -14**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL (UNIT) DATE S C R I P T U R E S**

**Lesson Title: “Finding One’s Way” Lesson 4 of 13 Lesson 4 of 4 of this Unit**

1. This is the fourth and final lesson in our unit **“**Wisdom in the Gospels,**”** and the only one from the Gospel of John.  This letter is written by John, the “beloved” disciple of Jesus Christ. John writes this letter to the dispute some of the teachings of the Gnostics—the ones in the know. John presents Jesus as the eternal Word of God who became a human and dwelt among humankind in the flesh.
2. John’s main reason for writing this Gospel is found in John 20:30-31 **30***Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.****31****But these are written that you may believe[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+20&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26899b)*] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.*
3. In our lesson today is taken from the section of John where John speaks of the final days of Jesus fellowship and teaching with His disciples before He is crucified on that lonely, dark, and painful Friday.
4. John 14 deals with Jesus attempting to assure these twelve apostles who have spent the last three years with Him to not have a trouble heart, and they must know that Jesus is on the only way to the Father.
5. **CENTRAL TRUTH OF THE LESSON**: ***Life that is lived with the promised assurances of Jesus should cause us to be less troubled; regardless of the ills of our time; but our Lord has also assured us of our ability to continue His work and much more—what a blessing it is to be blessed with such “Blessed Assurance.”***

INTRO TO LESSON: Have you ever been lost at a time when you need to be somewhere timely (on time)?

***MAIN THOUGHT:  6Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. (John 14:6, KJV).***

1. **JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY [JOHN 14:1-6] Although, we have not ventured into the “Heavenly arena,” we must trust Jesus’ Word as He tells us that He in His own time/season; not only will He return to get us, but we are assured that He also knows His way back to Heaven.**
2. **REVEALING THE FATHER [JOHN 14:7-11] Belief in our Bible (Old Testament and the New Testament), along with the Words of Jesus Christ should suffice for us trusting that Jesus and His Father are One and the same.**

C. REGARDING, DOING GREATER WORK [JOHN 14:12-14] What a blessed privilege it is to know that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ has given us both the authority and the assurance that we too have been given the authority and the ability to carry on the work of our Lord.

* John 14:1-11 Here are three words, upon any of which stress may be laid. Upon the word troubled. Be not cast down and disquieted. The word heart. Let your heart be kept with full trust in God.
* Verse 2. - In my Father's house are many mansions; or, abiding-places, homes of rest and peace and sojourn. "My Father" is the grandest name of all - the Divine fatherhood, as conceived in the consciousness of Jesus and revealed to them.
* would have told you," because our relations are so close as to have involved on your part this claim on my frankness, for I am going to prepare a place - to make ready one of these many mansions - for you.
* Verse 3. - And if I go and if I prepare a place for you - a simple condition, soon to be realized by the event - I come again; I am ever coming, as I am now about to explain to you,
* (4) The question of Thomas, eliciting from Christ that he was going to the Father, and that his death was their "way" as well as his own way thither. Vs 5. - Thomas - true to the character elsewhere attributed to him in this Gospel, anxious, intellectual striving after truth and reality, with a certain morbid fear of issues which he could not grasp, and yet with a great love to his Master;
* (5) The question of Philip, with the reply. Verses 8-11. (a) Jesus the full Revelation of the Father. Verse 8. - Philip has been introduced in [John 1:44-46](https://biblehub.com/john/1-44.htm); [John 6:7](https://biblehub.com/john/6-7.htm);  as one early acquainted with the sons of Zebedee, with Andrew and Nathaniel;
* The revelation of the Father, rather than an unveiling of the absolute God whom no man hath ever yet seen (see [John 1:18](https://biblehub.com/john/1-18.htm)), had been constantly going on before their eyes. Our Lord first of all appeals to that fact; and yet fact, reality as it was, the disciples had failed even to know him;
* Verse 11. - Believe me when I say that I am in the Father, and the Father in me, on the ground of my simple affirmation. My words are spirit and life, and carry their own evidence with them.

V. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK—It is natural/normal to have a trouble heart, but to rely on Christ during our troubles, should untroubled us.

**V. EXERCISE FOR NEXT WEEK—Lord help us to be less troubled, during our most troublesome times!**

**A. JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY [JOHN 14:1-6]** (**Jesus Comforts the Disciples)** [**1**](https://biblehub.com/john/14-1.htm)Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. [**2**](https://biblehub.com/john/14-2.htm)In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. [**3**](https://biblehub.com/john/14-3.htm)And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also. [**4**](https://biblehub.com/john/14-4.htm)And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. [**5**](https://biblehub.com/john/14-5.htm)Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? [**6**](https://biblehub.com/john/14-6.htm)Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

**B. REVEALING THE FATHER [JOHN 14:7-11]**  **[7](https://biblehub.com/john/14-7.htm)** If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. [**8**](https://biblehub.com/john/14-8.htm)Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. [**9**](https://biblehub.com/john/14-9.htm)Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father? [**10**](https://biblehub.com/john/14-10.htm)Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

C. REGARDING, DOING GREATER WORK [JOHN 14:12-14] [**11**](https://biblehub.com/john/14-11.htm)Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. [**12**](https://biblehub.com/john/14-12.htm)Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. [**13**](https://biblehub.com/john/14-13.htm)And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. [**14**](https://biblehub.com/john/14-14.htm) **If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.**

**A. JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY [JOHN 14:1-6 NLT] (Jesus, the Way to the Father)** [**1**](http://biblehub.com/john/14-1.htm)“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. [**2**](http://biblehub.com/john/14-2.htm)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?[*b*](https://biblehub.com/nlt/john/14.htm#footnotes) [**3**](http://biblehub.com/john/14-3.htm)When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. [**4**](http://biblehub.com/john/14-4.htm)And you know the way to where I am going.” [**5**](http://biblehub.com/john/14-5.htm)“No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?” [**6**](http://biblehub.com/john/14-6.htm)Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

**B. REVEALING THE FATHER [JOHN 14:7-11]**  **[7](http://biblehub.com/john/14-7.htm)** If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is.[*c*](https://biblehub.com/nlt/john/14.htm#footnotes) From now on, you do know him and have seen him!” [**8**](http://biblehub.com/john/14-8.htm)Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” [**9**](http://biblehub.com/john/14-9.htm)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**](http://biblehub.com/john/14-10.htm)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**](http://biblehub.com/john/14-11.htm)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.

C. REGARDING, DOING GREATER WORK [JOHN 14:12-14 **NLT**] [**12**](http://biblehub.com/john/14-12.htm)“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**](http://biblehub.com/john/14-13.htm)You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. [**14**](http://biblehub.com/john/14-14.htm) **Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!**