

## STUDY #38

### “The Comforting Lord”

#### John 13:36-14:14

#### John’s Purpose Statement:

*“<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” John 20:30-31*

#### OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

#### → REVIEW John 13:1, 13:31-35, 8:21-24,

**John 13:1**—“Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, *having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.*”

1. Who were Jesus’ “own who were in the world”?
2. How is Jesus loving them?

**John 13:33**—Jesus said, “<sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’”

1. What is Jesus communicating in these verses?

When Jesus said that He said, “Where I am going, you cannot come” to the Jews, He was referring to this passage:

**John 8:21-24**—“<sup>21</sup> Then He said again to them, “I go away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come.” <sup>22</sup> So the Jews were saying, “Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come’?” <sup>23</sup> And He was saying to them, “You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. <sup>24</sup> Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins.”

1. Who was Jesus talking to? (v. 22)
2. Why cannot the Jews go where Jesus is going?

→ Read John 13:36-14:4 (circle the word “now”)

<sup>36</sup> Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, where are You going?” Jesus answered, “Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but you will follow later.” <sup>37</sup> Peter said to Him, “Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You.” <sup>38</sup> Jesus \*answered, “Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times. **14** Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way where I am going.”

1. Who is asking Jesus a question?
2. How does Peter address Jesus in both of his questions in vs. 36 & 37? What does that mean?
3. What does Peter ask?
4. How is Jesus’ response similar to what He said in v. 33 and to the Jews in 8:21-24? How is it different?
5. Does Peter accept Jesus’ response? What does he say he will do to prove that he is worthy of following Jesus “right now”? Take a look at the parallel passages...

Matthew 26:33—<sup>33</sup> But Peter said to Him, “*Even* though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away.”

Mark 14:31—<sup>31</sup> But *Peter* kept saying insistently, “*Even* if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!” And they all were saying the same thing also.”

Luke 22:33—<sup>33</sup> But he said to Him, “Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!”

6. Rather than Peter laying down his life for Jesus, what does Jesus predict Peter will do? (v. 38)
7. Jesus knows the hearts of man (John 2:24-25, Acts 15:8, Romans 8:27). What does he know about His disciple’s hearts right now? (v. 1)
8. What does He tell them to do in order to not let their hearts be troubled? (v. 1)

9. Now, Jesus answers the question, “where are you going?”...
  - a. To whose house is He going? (v. 2)
  - b. What is He going to do there? (v. 2)
10. What promises does Jesus make in v. 3?
11. What does He assure His disciples of in v. 4?

→ Read John 14:5-7

<sup>5</sup>Thomas \*said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus \*said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.”

1. Who is asking Jesus a question?
2. How does He address Jesus?
3. What is Thomas clearly concerned about? What does this show about the disciple’s level of understanding at this time?
4. How does Jesus answer Thomas? Read the relating passages.

a. I am the \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 4:12—<sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

b. I am the \_\_\_\_\_

John 1:14—<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

c. I am the \_\_\_\_\_

John 5:26—<sup>26</sup>For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself;

5. How can a person come to God, the Father? (v. 6)
6. What is Jesus claiming when He said, “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father”?

→ Read John 14:8-14

<sup>8</sup> Philip \*said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus \*said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and *yet* you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how *can* you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. <sup>11</sup> Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do; because I go to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*.

1. Who is asking Jesus a question?
2. How does He address Jesus?
3. What does he ask?
4. With how many questions does Jesus start His response? (vs. 9-10) What is the tone of these questions?
5. What two things in vs. 10-11 does Jesus call Philip to look to in order to believe Him that He is “in the Father, and the Father is in” Him?
6. What will the one who believes in Jesus be able to do? (v. 12)
7. What is Jesus offering His disciples in vs. 13-14?

**TEACHING NOTES**

**1. Comfort in the Destination (13:36-14:4)**

**2. Comfort in the Direction (14:5-7)**

**3. Comfort in the Direct Access (14:8-15)**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What about this passage made an impact on you?
  
2. In 14:1, Jesus said, “ Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.” In your personal life, is your heart ever troubled like the disciples?

Read Isaiah 26:3-4—“The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in You.  
<sup>4</sup>“Trust in the LORD forever, For in GOD the LORD, *we have* an everlasting Rock.”

How can we apply the truth in these verses when our hearts are troubled?

3. We saw the 6<sup>th</sup> “I am” statement in v. 6 –“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”
  - a. What is communicated by the use of the word “the” in front of way, truth, life?
  - b. How may one have a relationship with God? Is there any other way?
  - c. Read these two similar passages and discuss how they relate:
 

John 10:7 & 9—<sup>7</sup> So Jesus said to them...“I am the door of the sheep... <sup>9</sup> I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.”

Matthew 7:13-14—<sup>13</sup>“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. <sup>14</sup> For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”
  
4. We have a wonderful promise to hold onto in 14:2-3—<sup>2</sup> In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also.”
  - a. Where is Jesus right now and what is He doing for *you*, if you believe in Him?
  - b. What is the true joy of Heaven?
  - c. How might dwelling on the fact that Jesus is currently preparing a place in for Heaven for you to be with Him for eternity impact our daily living?