

## John 13:31-14:14 – Love One Another

After Jesus identified the betrayer to John, Jesus told Judas to do what he was going to do quickly. Judas left during the meal. Jesus was then able to talk more freely to his disciples.

### Read John 13:31-38.

Once Judas left, Jesus declared that he was glorified. What is the significance of Jesus' statement that he and the Father were now glorified? What is the future glorification mentioned here? (13:31-32)

Now that Judas is gone, Jesus can refer to the remaining eleven disciples as "little children". What is the difference, if any, between "little children" and "disciples"? What is the significance of Jesus calling them "little children"? (13:33)

In John 7:33-34, Jesus said to a group of people who had come to the Feast of Tabernacles (Booths) that he was only with them for a little longer. He would go away and they would not be able to find him. In John 8:21, Jesus said that he would go away and they were not able to go where he was going. Jesus now said this to his disciples. What did Jesus mean by this statement? (13:33)

Leviticus 19:18 says to "love your neighbor as yourself". In Matthew 22:36-40, Jesus said that the Law and the Prophets could be summed up in two commands. The first was to love God with all your heart, soul and mind. The second was to love your neighbor as yourself. How does Jesus' new commandment differ from Leviticus 19:18? (13:34)

How would people know that the disciples were Jesus' disciples? (13:35) Have you ever experienced this truth? Before conversion, did you ever see a group of Christians and think, "they have something that I don't". "They talk to each other differently and treat each other differently than my friends and I do."

Peter was not prepared for Jesus to leave them. He couldn't understand why he couldn't continue to follow Jesus like he had been doing for the past three years. Peter said that he was willing to die for Jesus. Was Peter willing to die for Jesus? Why do you think Jesus told Peter that Peter would soon deny him three times? (13:36-38)

**Read John 14:1-14.**

After Jesus told his disciples that he was leaving them, he told them not to be troubled. Jesus would once again be united with his disciples after he had gone to be with God the Father. How did Jesus describe this reunion? (14:1-4)

Thomas didn't know where Jesus was going and therefore he didn't know how to get there. Why didn't Thomas understand Jesus? (14:5)

How does someone get to God the Father, according to Jesus in verse 6? This is the sixth "I am" statement. (14:6)

Philip did not know that Jesus was speaking of "God the Father". Did the disciples appear to be ready to turn the world upside down? How can we account for the change in the disciples just two months later? (14:8)

It was disappointing, to say the least, that Philip asked Jesus to "show us the Father". What had Jesus taught about his relationship with God the Father as summarized in verses 9-11?

Jesus would soon go back to God the Father. A big part of God's plan to spread the Gospel involved the disciples. As Jesus revealed God the Father, the disciples would need to proclaim Jesus to a world which was dead in sin. In this context, what is the meaning of verses 12-14?

Verses 13-14 are an example of understanding a passage in light of all of scripture. Does this mean that I can solve the world's poverty by asking "in Jesus name" that everyone in the world would no longer be poor? Is this a promise without limitations?