

# Back to the Basics

## Knowing My Savior (6)

Knowing My Savior: John 14-17

Memory Verse:  
John 14:1-4

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*John 14:1-31*

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After Judas Iscariot left, Jesus continued speaking with His apostles. After having told Peter that he would deny Jesus three times, Jesus continued by telling the apostles not to be troubled by the events that would soon take place. Jesus said, *“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.”* (v 1) Jesus went on to explain that in His Father’s house are many mansions and that He was going to prepare a place for the apostles. He also told the apostles that they knew both where He was going and the way He was going.

Thomas spoke up and said to Jesus, *“Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”* (v 5) Jesus answered Thomas, saying, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”* (v 6) Jesus explained to the apostles that by their knowing Him, they also knew the Father. Jesus said, *“Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.”* (v 9-11)

All who would believe in Jesus, would do the works of Jesus and the works would be greater. Under this context Jesus told His apostles that whatever they would ask in His name, Jesus would do so that the Father would be glorified. (This would be accomplished through Jesus sending the Holy Spirit.)

If the apostles loved Jesus, then they would obey His commands. If the apostles would obey Jesus’ commands, do His will, then He would send the Holy Spirit as a Helper to aid them in their work as apostles. Jesus said, *“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever — the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him;*

*John 14:2-4*

*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. And 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. And where I go you know, and the way you know.”*

*but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”* (v 16-17) Jesus reassured His apostles that He would not leave them alone. The apostles would see Jesus again and they would live also. When that day came, the apostles would know that Jesus was in His Father and the apostles would be in Jesus and Jesus in them. The person who loves Jesus would keep His commands. This one would be loved by the Father and and by Jesus.

At this point, Judas (not Iscariot) asked Jesus, *“Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?”* (v 22) Jesus answered, saying, *“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.”* (v 23-24)

As Jesus stated earlier, He would not leave the apostles alone. Again, He restates His promise to send the Holy Spirit to the apostles. Jesus said, *“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”* (v 26) Jesus reassured His disciples, telling them not to be troubled or afraid. Jesus told His apostles that He was going away and that He would come back for them.

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### John 15:1-27

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Continuing His discussion with His apostles, Jesus said, *“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.”* (v 1-4) It was crucial that the apostles remain in Jesus, obeying His commands. As long as the apostles remained in Jesus, they would bear much fruit. All those who do not abide in Jesus will be cast out, like a useless branch, cut off and thrown in the fire.

Another benefit to abiding in Jesus was the answered prayers. Jesus said to the apostles, *“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”* (v 7) This promise is stated within the context of the apostles bearing much fruit, which would bring glory to the Father.

How were the apostles to abide in Jesus and His love? The apostles were to keep Jesus’ commands. Jesus said, *“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved*

### John 15:1-8

*“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.*

*“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”*

*you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.*" (v 9-11)

The love that Jesus had for the apostles (and for all mankind) was a great love, a love that was to serve as an example. Jesus said, *"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."* (v 12-13)

Jesus, not only loved His disciples, but He also considered them friends. He said, *"You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you."* (v 14-15) Jesus likewise admonished His apostles to love one another.

One of the consequences of following Jesus was persecution. Jesus warned His apostles that they would, like Him, be hated and persecuted by the world. Jesus said, *"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also."* (v 18-20) The reason for the persecution was this: The world did not know the Father who had sent Jesus to this world. Since those who rejected Jesus had chosen not to follow Him, they would be held accountable for their sin.

The Holy Spirit and the apostles would bear witness of Jesus. Jesus said, *"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning."* (v 26-27)

## John 16:5-11

*"But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."*

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## John 16:1-33

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Jesus continued in warning His apostles of the rejection and persecution they would face. Jesus said, *"These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me."* (v 1-3)

Jesus' apostles knew that He would be leaving. This knowledge had filled their hearts with sorrow. Jesus explained that it was to their advantage that He leave. If Jesus did not leave, then the Helper, the Holy Spirit, would not come to them. Of the Holy Spirit, Jesus said, *"And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."* (v 8-11) There was more that Jesus wanted to tell the apostles, but they could not bear it at that time. However, the "Spirit of truth" would guide the apostles into all Truth. The Holy Spirit would not speak on His own authority. Instead, the Holy Spirit would speak what He "hears." The Holy Spirit would tell the apostles of things to come and He would glorify Jesus. Jesus said, *"He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you."* (v 14-15)

As Jesus continued His discussion with His apostles, He said, *"A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."* (v 16) The apostles did not understand what Jesus said. Jesus went on to say, *"Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you."* (v 20-22)

In the day that the apostles would rejoice, when they would see Jesus again, they would make petitions to the Father in heaven. Jesus explained, saying, *"And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father."* (v 23-28)

The apostles told Jesus that they were sure that He knew all things and that He had come from God. Jesus asked them, *"Do you now believe?"* (v 31) Jesus warned the apostles that the hour was coming when they would be scattered and would leave Jesus alone. Of course, Jesus would not truly be alone for the Father would be with Him.

### John 17:6-10

*"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.*

*"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them."*

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John 17:1-26

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This chapter brings us to a prayer offered by Jesus. Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven, and prayed that the Father would glorify Him. Jesus prayed, *“Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”* (v 1-5)

While here on the earth, Jesus had manifested the Father’s name to the men whom the Father had given Jesus. These men had kept the Father’s word. These men, the apostles, knew that all things given to Jesus were from the Father. Jesus had given the apostles the words of the Father, and they received them.

Jesus prayed for the apostles. Jesus prayed, *“Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.”* (v 11-12) Jesus had given the apostles the Father’s word. As a result, the world hated the apostles. Jesus prayed that the Father would keep the apostles from the evil one. He prayed that the Father would sanctify them by His truth, His word.

Jesus prayed not only for the apostles, but for everyone who would believe in Him through the word. Jesus prayed, *“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”* (v 20-23)

Jesus prayed those given to Him by the Father would be with Him and would behold His glory given to Him by the Father. The Father had loved Jesus before the foundation of the world. Jesus acknowledged that He had known the Father and that the apostles had known that the Father had sent Jesus. Jesus declared the Father’s name to His apostles so that the love of the Father would be in them as Jesus was in them.

John 17:24-26

*“Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”*

## Ten Questions

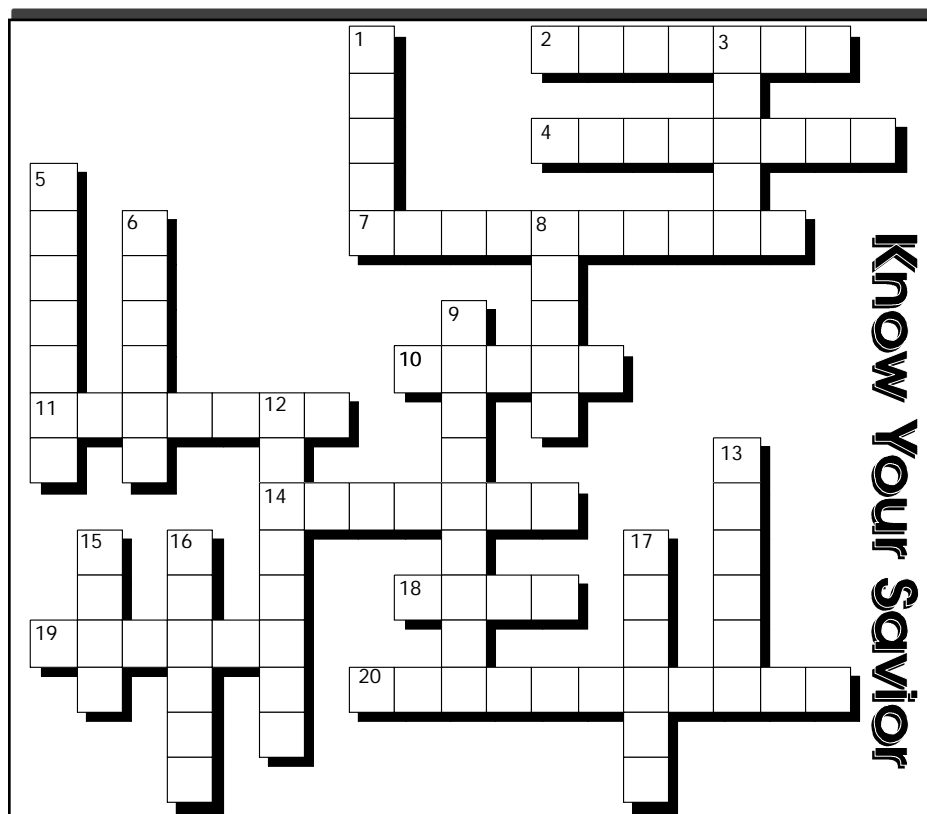
1. Jesus said that there were many \_\_\_\_\_ in His Father's house.
2. Who did Jesus promise to send as a helper or comforter to the apostles? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who asked Jesus, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Who is the "true vine?" \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who is the "vinedresser"? \_\_\_\_\_
6. "If you keep My \_\_\_\_\_, you will abide in My \_\_\_\_\_."
7. Who did Jesus say were His "friends"? \_\_\_\_\_
8. According to John 15:26-27, who would testify of Jesus and bear witness of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. The Holy Spirit would convict the world of \_\_\_\_\_, and of \_\_\_\_\_, and of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Who prayed, "Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are"? \_\_\_\_\_

## True or False

1. T or F : Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me."
2. T or F : Philip said, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"
3. T or F : Judas Iscariot asked Jesus, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?"
4. T or F : Both Jesus and the Father would send the Comforter, the Holy Spirit.
5. T or F : Keeping Jesus' commandments is necessary to one abiding in His love.
6. T or F : Jesus did not consider His apostles His friends.
7. T or F : Jesus warned His apostles that they, too, would face persecution.
8. T or F : People, thinking they were offering service to God, would kill the apostles.
9. T or F : Jesus assured His apostles that when the hour comes, they would not be scattered and would not leave Jesus alone.
10. T or F : The Father had loved Jesus before the foundations of the world.

## A Little Fun

(Use the lesson text to answer these questions.)



### Across

2. "A \_\_\_\_\_ is not greater than his master."
4. "In My Father's house are many \_\_\_\_\_; if it were not so, I would have told you."
7. "They will put you out of the \_\_\_\_\_; . . ."
10. Jesus said, "Let not your \_\_\_\_ be troubled; . . ."
11. "Greater love has no man than this, than to lay down one's life for his \_\_\_\_\_."
14. The Holy Spirit would come and \_\_\_\_\_ the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.
18. Jesus said that He was the \_\_\_\_\_, and His disciples were the branches.
19. "A servant is not greater than his \_\_\_\_\_."
20. "I am the true vine, and My Father is the \_\_\_\_\_."

### Down

1. This man asked, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, . . .?"
3. "If you \_\_\_\_\_ in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall

be done for you."

5. Jesus prayed, "\_\_\_\_\_ Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, . . ."
6. "But the Helper, the Holy \_\_\_\_\_, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, . . ."
8. "And the \_\_\_\_\_ which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one . . ."
9. ". . . and none of them is lost except the son of \_\_\_\_\_, that the Scripture might be fulfilled."
12. "And I have \_\_\_\_\_ to them Your name, and will declare it, . . ."
13. This man asked, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"
15. "I do not \_\_\_\_\_ for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me . . ."
16. "Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the \_\_\_\_\_ in My name He will give you."
17. "Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and \_\_\_\_\_, but the world will rejoice; . . ."

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