

The Farewell Discourse (John 13: 31 – 38 / John 14: 1 - 14)

January 8 and January 11, 2023

Sunday, January 8 (John 13: 31 – 38)

- From **John 13: 31 – 32**, describe the importance of Jesus' repeated reference to "glory". Why is it significant that Jesus made this statement after Judas had departed? (*John 12: 23; Daniel 7: 13; Zechariah 11: 12 – 13*)
- In **John 13: 33**, what fact did Jesus present to His apostles? Was this new information for them? (*John 8: 21*)
- Is the "new commandment" that Jesus gives in **John 13: 34 – 35** actually something new? Describe the meaning and significance of the message that Jesus delivers in teaching His apostles to love one another, and what is the intended outcome? (*Leviticus 19: 18; 1 John 4: 7 – 11*)
- Based on his question in **John 13: 36**, what may have Peter assumed regarding Jesus' prior statement indicating that He would be departing soon? How did Jesus respond, and what is the meaning of His statement that Peter would "follow Him afterward / later"? (*John 21: 18 – 19*)
- Describe Peter's question and statement recorded in **John 13: 37**. What did this indicate about Peter's faith and understanding of what Jesus had been teaching?
- What did Jesus predict in **John 13: 38**? How did Jesus use this prediction to refute Peter's prior assertion that he was willing to lay down his life for Jesus? (*John 18: 25 – 27*)

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Wednesday, January 11 (John 14: 1 – 14)

- In **John 14: 1 – 2**, describe Jesus' reference to His destination. What characteristics of Heaven did He convey in His description?
(*2 Peter 3: 11 – 13; Revelation 21: 4*)
- What promise did Jesus make in **John 14: 3 – 4**? How will Jesus deliver on that promise? How is it that His apostles knew the “way” to where Jesus was going? (*Hebrews 9: 27 – 28*)
- From **John 14: 5 – 6**, consider the question that Thomas asks, and how Jesus responds. What point did Jesus make in His answer by referring to Himself as the “way, the truth and the life”? How are those three characteristics interrelated?
- As He continues to answer Thomas' prior question, what point did Jesus make in **John 14: 7**? (*John 10: 25 – 30; John 17: 5*)
- In **John 14: 8**, how would you characterize Philip's statement? What important understanding did he lack?
- Characterize Jesus' response as recorded in **John 14: 9 – 11**. How would you describe Jesus' approach, and what points did He make in His response regarding the connection between Him and the Father? (*John 5: 19 – 20*)
- In **John 14: 12**, explain Jesus' reference to “greater works”. How is it that the apostles would be able to accomplish these works once Jesus has gone to be with His Father?
- What do we learn about prayer from Jesus' comments in **John 14: 13 – 14**?
(*John 14: 6*)