

The Gospel of John

The Passion of Christ John 12-21



John 14:7-26

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THE MINISTRY OF THE TRINITY

Introduction:

I. THE FATHER AND THE SON (14:7-14)

A. A Reasonable Request (vs. 7-8)

“if you had known Me”

“from now on you know Him and have seen Him”

“show us the Father and it is enough for us”

B. A Reproachful Reply (vs. 9-11)

How long will it take?

“so long with you...and yet?”

“How can you say?” “Do you not believe?”

What more could I say?

“the words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative”

What more could I do?

“but the Father abiding in Me does His works”

Do you not believe?

C. A Remarkable Result (vs. 12-14)

Effective Practice (“greater works than these he will do”)

Efficacious Prayer (“whatever you ask *in My name*”)

1) We can know God’s will of desire, but we can’t know His will of decree

2) This promise does not undermine what Scripture says elsewhere.

3) God often accomplishes His purposes in ways that seem backwards to us.

4) We do not understand all that God is doing.

II. THE “OTHER HELPER” (14:15-26)

A. A Permanent Presence (vs. 15-17)

“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”

“I will...give you another Helper...with you forever”

“the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him”

“you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you”

B. A Precious Partnership (vs. 18-21)

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”

“because I live, you will live also”

“He who has My commandments...keeps them...loves Me”

“he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him”

C. A Personalized Promise (vs. 22-26)

“what has happened...disclose Yourself to us and not...”

“We will come to him and make Our abode with him”

“the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name”

“teach you all things...bring to your remembrance all...”

Conclusion: Obedience to the Lord’s commandments will result in three benefits...

- 1) God will love us.
- 2) He will reveal Himself to us.
- 3) We will enjoy a relationship with Him that the world cannot know.