

# John Chapters 14-16: Living in This World Without Jesus

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## I. Background

### A. Jesus' Final Meal with His Disciples (13)

1. "Lord's Supper"
2. Washing of Feet
3. Prediction of Betrayal

### B. Jesus' Teachings... (14-16)

1. ...About Why He Is Going Away.
2. ...About How To Live When He Is Gone.
3. ...To Strengthen Our Faith.

### C. A Prayer for Unity (17)

## II. We Have a Special Message — Jesus is the only way to God. (14:6)

## III. We Have Special Knowledge

### A. We know the way to God. (14:6)

### B. We can know and see God through the character of Jesus. (14:7-11)

### C. We are God's friends, knowing some of God's purposes. (15:14-15)

## IV. We Have Special Power in Prayer

### A. Power of Prayer

1. We can do greater works on this earth than even Jesus. (14:12-14; 15:7, 16; 16:23-27)
2. We can have plain understanding through our communication with the Father. (16:23-25)
3. We can have full joy through prayer. (16:24)

### B. Purpose of Prayer — To Bring Glory to God (14:13; 15:7-8, 16)

## V. We Have a Special Helper

### A. He is The Spirit of Truth. (14:16-17; 16:13)

- B. He is sent from the Father. (14:26; 15:26)
- C. He will teach us. (14:26; 16:13-15)
- D. He will remind us. (14:26)
- E. He will testify through us to convict the world. (15:26-27; 16:7-11)
- F. He will bring glory to God. (16:14)

## **VI. We Have a Special Purpose — To Bear Fruit**

### **A. How do we bear fruit?**

1. By abiding... (15:1-10)
  - i. ...Through prayer
  - ii. ...With the Holy Spirit
  - iii. ...By loving the Christ (15:10)
    - a. Definition: Keeping His Commands (14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 14)
    - b. What is His Command? To love each other (15:12-13, 17)
2. Being cleaned/pruned through the Word. (15:2-3)

### **B. Why do we bear fruit? To bring glory to God (15:8)**

### **C. What is fruit?**

## **VII. However, because of all this,...**

- A. ...The world will hate us. (15:18-25)
- B. ...The world will persecute us. (16:2)

## **VIII. But be comforted and do not stumble in your faith...**

- A. ...Because what Jesus said is trustworthy. (14:1)
- B. ...Because there is a place for us. (14:2-3)
- C. ...Because we have a Helper, Teacher, and Reminder. (14:25-26)
- D. ...Because our grief will turn to joy in the Christ. (15:11; 16:20-22)
- E. ...Because we have peace with God in Jesus, though we shall face trials in the world. (14:27; 16:33)

## **IX. Application — In light of all this, how can we bear fruit where God has placed us in life?**