

Exit Plan

John 14:1-11

Jesus made the way and He is the WAY!

Background

- Lazarus raised from the dead – John 11
- Jesus anointed with perfume, the Triumphal Entry, and teaching in the Temple – John 12
- Washing the disciples' feet – John 13:14-15, Mark 10:44-45
 1. Including Judas
 2. Love your enemy.
 3. He\She might repent.
 4. Gives you freedom and is an act of forgiveness
- Judas' betrayal predicted – John 13:21
- Jesus predicts His death – John 13:33
- Peter's denial predicted – John 13:38

Comfort in trouble: Jesus commands us to trust Him in our mess!

Jesus commands us to not let our hearts be troubled.

- John 14:1

Jesus commands us to trust Him.

- Our not being troubled flows out of our faith and trust in Jesus.
- NO PEACE =NO TRUST

A promise

We can take comfort in times of trouble in knowing that we will Abide with Jesus. Its not about a mansion. It is about abiding with the Lord forever !!

- John 14:2-4
- Jesus makes heaven heaven.
- Jesus' way through the cross allows us to abide with Him. **He is the way and He makes the way.**
- Jesus is coming back to take His people to abide with Him.
- **HAVE TRUST >HAVE PEACE >apply the Armor of GOD**

The way

- Thomas' question – John 14:5

- Jesus' response – John 14:6 Why does the world hate this verse? _____
- There is only one path to God and that's through Jesus. How can you use this in your bridge illustration? _____
- Jesus didn't die on the cross to make us good people but to **save** us.
 - Luke 19:10 The gospel saves the lost !!
 - Ephesians 2:1 When we were Dead in our _____...
- We can't climb our way up to God. He came down to us in Jesus!
- If you know Jesus, you know the Way to God!

Knowing God

If you know Jesus, you know the G _____.

- John 14:7
- Philip's request: "God if I can just see You in this situation..."
 - John 14:8 **LEARN to look for Jesus in all your stressful situations and you will see what He is freeing you from in your life.**_____
- Jesus' response
 - John 14:9-11 Jesus's disappointment
- If you know Jesus you know the Father: Jesus is God!
 - John 1:1 Jesus is the Word
 - John 1:18 The One and Only =God + Jesus+ _____ = the God Head

If you want to know what God is like, look to Jesus.

Jesus' words and works are God's words and works. **God , Jesus and the Holy Spirit always work together in lock step and are always faithful to carry out God's kingdom building plan. We are Kingdom Builders with them !! They are never in conflict.**

- John 14:10
- John 12:49 Jesus the Word of God ,only speaks on God's authority
- John 5:19:the Son is able to do nothing or Himself

- John 15:5 Apart from Me , you can do nothing write your name _____. You as a Christian are in lock step with them.

When we trust Jesus, our hearts will find peace in troubled times.

Our peace is a barometer of our trust in Jesus.

High trust = a high level of peace

Give example _____

Action Steps

- Trust the troubles of your heart to the Lord.
- Share the gospel with someone this week and offer them the peace of God.

John 14:1

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.”

John 1:1 Do not let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in *and* adhere to *and* trust in *and* rely on God; believe in *and* adhere to *and* trust in *and* rely also on Me.

² In My Father’s house there are many dwelling places (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; for I am going away to prepare a place for you.

³ And when (if) I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.

⁴ And [to the place] where I am going, you know the way.

⁵ Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You are going, so how can we know the way?

⁶ Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.

⁷ If you had known Me [had learned to recognize Me], you would also have known My Father. From now on, you know Him and have seen Him.

⁸ Philip said to Him, Lord, show us the Father [cause us to see the Father—that is all we ask]; then we shall be satisfied.

⁹ Jesus replied, Have I been with all of you for so long a time, and do you not recognize *and* know Me yet, Philip? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say then, Show us the Father?

¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? What I am telling you I do not say on My own authority *and* of My own accord; but the Father Who lives continually in Me does the ^(all)His works (His own miracles, deeds of power).

¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me; or else believe Me for the sake of the [very] works themselves. [If you cannot trust Me, at least let these works that I do in My Father’s name convince you.]