

John 14 - 16

Never Alone

Looking at Words of Jesus in Upper Room on Night Before Cross

DISCIPLES > Trying to COPE with HORRIBLE NEWS > Jesus LEAVING

BETRAYER among Them > PETER would DENY Him!

HE is going to CROSS in FEW Hours > But HE COMFORTS them!

Evening BEGAN with HIM Washing their FEET > Soon Wash with BLOOD!

Some of Most WONDERFUL Promises in All Bible

Realistic Words of WARNING > Shadow of Cross hangs over them All

Gain Better Understanding What He Did 50 days after Resurrection

Saving Event of Pentecost – Day in History - Jesus Baptized Church in H.S.

Next to Last EVENT Salvation – Incarn, Cross, Resurr, Ascens, Pent, Return

FOCUS Relationship between Jesus and Spirit > 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Members Trinity

1<sup>st</sup> Extended Teaching on HOLY SPIRIT in Bible > Quarry of Doctrinal Truth

Spirit Appears on First Page > Hovering over Waters at Creation / Genesis 1

ANOINTS Prophets, Priests, Kings for Service to GOD’S COVENANT People

2 Key TRUTHS > 1. Holy Spirit is a Person – not just feeling, force or presence

2. Holy Spirit is God – 3<sup>rd</sup> Member of Trinity, God the Spirit

### 1. Advocate our Companion

Jesus gives COMFORTING Words to CRYING APOSTLES

COMFORT in WORDS // Child who Falls > REASSURE with WORDS

Words Reach DEEPER than Iodine & Band Aid, Touch & Heal HEART

‘You are GOING to be FINE! - FEEL BETTER Soon! -I am HERE with You!’

Apostle John only Biblical Author use word “Paraclete” – Used 6 X’s

PARA – Greek = Come Alongside, Close Beside / Encourage, Defend

5 X’s word Used Here chapters 14, 15, 16 // 6<sup>th</sup> X 1 John > about Jesus

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever

John 14.16

ESV = Helper, NIV = Counselor, KJV = COMFORTER

HELPER Not Great > suggests we BOSS Him! He is Sovereign God!

Counselor NOT Camp or Marriage Counselor but LEGAL ADVOCATE

Comforter – Old English 1611 = Strength to Stand

Today COMFORTER – Fluffy Blanket – or Do-Gooder at Funeral

ADVOCATE – Speak Truth in our DEFENSE > Good Attorney in Court

14.26 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 that I have said to you.

FATHER GIVES the Spirit > SON sends the SPIRIT > God WITH Us

15.26 When the *Counselor* comes, whom *I will send to you from the Father*, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.

Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.  
Acts 2.33

GREEK wd for Another = ANOTHER of SAME KIND > JUST LIKE Jesus

The Spirit is ‘another Christ.’ Martin Luther

JESUS w/ ALL Disciples > ALL PLACES at ALL TIMES: by ‘Deputy’ Spirit

2 or 3 come together in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18.20

They HAD LIVED w/ Jesus / NOW Spirit of Jesus WILL LIVE w/ them

The Holy Spirit does not work instead of us, or in spite of us, but in us and through us.  
Warren Wiersbe

Jesus, though physically absent, will remain a Helper. He will be their helper in heaven. The Spirit will be their helper on earth. Jesus pleads their case with God. The Spirit pleads God’s case with them.  
William Hendriksen

We have one who speaks to the Father in our defense (the Paraclete) - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.  
1 John 2.1-2

Jesus is NOW our Advocate in the courts of heaven...as Paraclete, strengthening and helping his disciples on earth.  
D.A. Carson

## 2. Author of Scripture

16. 8-11 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Spirit REVEALS Jesus > He will REBUKE those who Dishonor Jesus

Greek of these 4 verses so TIGHTLY PACKED Difficult to UNRAVEL ALL World convicted about SIN – By REJECTING Jesus it REMAINS IN SIN World convicted about RIGHTEOUSNESS – Not on side of All-Righteous God about Judgment – Rejecting Jesus it stands with Devil who is Condemned

16.12-14 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

The Bible is the Spirit’s greatest gift to the church.

Melvin Tinker

15.26,27 “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

PRIMARY Reference of Promise > To Apostles who Write Scripture

SECONDARY Reference of Promise > To Believers who Receive Scripture

**Apostles** > “Thus Says the Lord” / **Believer** > “the Bible Says...”

16.14,15 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine...he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Before Cross: Disciples CONFUSED > Jesus speaks God’s Word to Explain

SPIRIT on APOSTLES > Instruments of SPECIAL Revelation: N.T.

Want to Know God – NEED to Meet Jesus – Want to Meet Jesus > Read Bible

N.T. Started RIGHT HERE in Room that Night – Author’s Commissioned

J / Primary SUBJECT of Book telling them about HS/Primary AUTHOR

NOT Claim All Truth about ALL SUBJECTS > Not Exhaustive Encyclopedia

21.25 World Too Small / Not told God’s Knowledge of EVERYTHING!

EXPERTISE of the APOSTLES – TRUTH of Christ and His SALVATION

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.  
1 Corinthians 2.14

Only GOD the Holy Spirit who OPENS Eyes to Scriptures, Grants Faith

PROMISE NOT Intended as a SUBSTITUTE for LEARNING and THINKING

Friend at College: FINALS - ‘Lord, I pray for TOTAL RECALL in EXAM!’

Prayed for TOTAL RECALL having STUDIED NOTHING to Recall!

*Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.* 2 Timothy 2.7

What the Spirit provided for the disciples by means of revelation; He continues to provide to the Church by means of illumination: shedding light on the meaning of Scripture and showing how it is to be applied.  
Mark Johnston

### 3. Never Alone

2000 yrs later Words bring Hope and Comfort to Us / Probably Not Disciples

Kimo 3 yrs old Never had Babysitter > Mommy 'I am going Out Alone!

Kimo sees Mommy all Dressed up at Dinner > Brushes Hair, Takes Purse

Door Bell Rings > Stranger Enters > Kimo NEVER SEEN before

Mom: 'Now Kimo, I am leaving, this Babysitter will take Care of you Now!'

JESUS > Surprisingly CALM > HE is COMFORTING THEM! CONFIDENT!

KNOWS Where HE is GOING > His FATHER is WAITING FOR HIM

HOW CAN WE REMAIN WITH JESUS? In TOUCH with GOD?

Times of Crisis: Family, Finances, Ministry, Health > WHERE is God?

LORD! Where are you going! How can you LEAVE US here all ALONE!

14.18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

ORPHANS: 1. DEPTH of NEED > Word EVOKES image of Sad, Desperation

16.5 But now I am going 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 go, I will send him to you.

GREAT PAIN on NEAR Horizon > LITTLE While going to CROSS

3 Days Later – LITTLE While > RISE from Death in VICTORIOUS JOY

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Psalm 30.5

Jesus GOING means great things COMING

SIMPLE WORDS: Going and Coming > Have MANY LAYERS of Meaning

GOING 1. To CROSS 2. ASCENSION to Heaven 3. EXALTATION in Glory

Coming: 1. RISEN Lord on Easter 2. By SPIRIT on Pentecost 3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

3 Comings of Jesus to Earth > 1. Bethlehem 2. Pentecost 3. Last Day

Pentecost > 'Once for All' Unrepeatable Event > SPIRIT REMAINS

14.23,24 Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

John: 'shallow enough for a child to paddle, deep enough for elephant to swim'

THESE VERSES > Must be ELEPHANT'S DIVING POOL

14.20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

Only when Jesus finished what the Father had sent him to do could the Spirit take that finished work and apply the joy of its achievement to the world. Mark Johnston

14.27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Greeks: Peace = 'Absence of War' / Hebrews: Positive Blessing, God & Man  
 WORLD PROMISES Peace > WAVES FLAG of Peace > CANNOT GIVE IT  
 World's Peace based on RESOURCES > God's Peace from RELATIONSHIP  
 WORLD > Peace from Personal Ability > GOD'S Peace: Spiritual HUMILITY  
 World > Peace you EARN by SELF > God: Peace is RECEIVED by GRACE  
 WORLD > Peace is ABSENCE of Trouble > God's IN SPITE OF Trouble  
 WORLD'S Peace: Insincere, Impotent, Scanty, Selfish > then Taken Away!

End CIVIL WAR > Northern Soldier riding Horse near Richmond, VA  
 Out of Bushes jumps Soldier of South: Ragged Uniform, Gaunt  
 'Can you help me? Can you give me some food? I am starving!'  
 North > 'Starving! Why don't you go into Richmond and get some food?'  
 South > 'Cannot, I'd be ARRESTED; was SO HUNGRY I deserted my Post'  
 North: Gen. Lee surrendered to Gen. Grant at Appomattox 2 wks Ago  
 South > PEACE is Made!?! And for 2 Weeks I have BEEN STARVING!!  
 Jesus Made Peace 2000 Yrs Ago: Once for All Atonement > Welcome Home!  
 we have been justified thru faith, we have *peace w God* thru our Lord Jesus X  
 Rom 5.1

Holy Spirit worked LONG Ago to get WORDS of TRUTH Right  
 NOW Holy Spirit Working to get YOU RIGHT According to TRUTH of Word

16.33 Jesus: "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

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