

Date: February 24th, 2026

John Section: John 14:1-31

Key Text: John 14:6

Main Idea: Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life

Genre: Theological Narrative

Author: John

Audience: Primarily second-generation believers, Jews, and Gentiles, needing encouragement and clarity about Jesus' identity.

Setting: Likely written from Ephesus, AD 85-95, in a context of synagogue opposition and emerging false teachings.

Quote of the Week: "Jesus' claim is not that He will teach the way, but that He is the way." - R.C. Sproul

3:30

John Preview:

Highlight:

The Gospel of John is a unique New Testament account of Jesus' life, written by the Apostle John, the beloved disciple. John's Gospel is not merely a biography but a theological portrait, revealing Jesus as the eternal Son of God who became flesh to bring life and light to the world. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, John emphasizes signs and discourses that unveil Jesus' divine identity and mission. From the opening words—"In the beginning was the Word"—to the climactic resurrection appearances, John presents Jesus as the one in whom God's glory is revealed, calling all to believe in Him for eternal life. This Gospel is rich with imagery (light, life, bread, water, shepherd, vine) and repeatedly centers on the theme of belief.

Focus of John:

- **Purpose of John:**
 - John tells us his purpose plainly: "But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:31).
- **Themes in John:**
 - Jesus is the Word made flesh
 - Jesus reveals God's glory
 - Eternal life is found in Him alone
 - Belief is the way to life
 - Life flows only from union with Christ
- **Our Response to this Truth:**
 - Believe in Him – Abide in Him – Live by His Word – Trust in His promises – Love as He loved

Recap:

- **What is the significance of calling Him the Spirit of Truth in the context of John's Gospel, especially after Jesus' "I am the way, the truth, and the life" statement in verse 6?**

- We see Jesus encouraging His disciples in the middle of some really hard realities in verse 18. The disciples are likely wondering how it could possibly be okay for Jesus to go away, but He reassures them that they will not be left alone.
 - Not only that, Jesus points them back to what He has already said in verse 6, that He Himself is their life: **"Because I live, you also will live."**
- We could spend all day unpacking when it comes to the Trinity, but the point is clear: the whole Godhead is at work as Jesus speaks of the One He will send to dwell within us.
- Verses 21-24 then present us with some tricky text, obviously if read out of context:
 - **21** Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." **22** Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" **23** Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. **24** Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me."
- **How do these verses help us keep the right order, seeing obedience as the *response* to Christ's love rather than the way we earn it, while also guarding us from treating obedience as optional or unimportant?**

- As we move into our last section, verses 25-31, you can feel a growing urgency in Jesus' words.
 - He knows the time is short, and He is preparing His disciples for what is about to come. He speaks in a way that plants seeds they will not fully grasp in the moment, truths that will really begin to make sense after Pentecost.
- Jesus wants them to know that even though His physical presence is about to change, they will not be left without help. The Spirit will come, remain with them, and continue the work He has already begun in their lives.

- Jesus then expands this by showing that the Holy Spirit is not only our Advocate or Helper, but also our Teacher. The Spirit teaches and reminds them of everything Jesus has said, not by replacing Christ's words, but by continuing to teach us through the Word of God.
- In verse 27, Jesus says:
 - "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."
- **How is the peace Jesus offers different from the kind of peace the world tries to create or manufacture?**

- **Why do you think Jesus gives peace in the middle of uncertainty rather than removing the difficult circumstances altogether?**

- Then in verse 29, Jesus says He is telling them these things ahead of time so that when they happen, they may believe.
 - Even as the cross draws near and the ruler of this world, Satan, continues to oppose God's people, Jesus is steadying their hearts and strengthening their faith. He reminds them that nothing unfolding is random or out of control, nothing can thwart the plans of God, and even in spite of human corruption and wickedness, Christ will reign in both life and death.

Upcoming Events:

- **Possibly a March Madness Event in mid-March.**

Other Helpful Resources:

- He Must Increase Podcast by Connor Shady & Adam Tredeau (Official Podcast of 3:30!)
- Waukesha Bible Church John 14 Sermons on YouTube

Other Reminders:

- **Get involved with a church - Specifically WBC!**
 - **Connor and Adam are teaching: 9 AM Class on the Book of Romans at WBC prior to service.**
 - WBC service is at 10:00 AM every Sunday!
 - Check out our Website: Threethirtyministry.com
- Join the 3:30 GroupMe chat to stay up to date on everything 3:30 Ministry.
- Also check us out on Instagram: @three.thirty.ministries and @three.thirty.mens.ministry

The Gospel: *We Can't, God Can, Jesus Did!*

- **Sin.** None of us can escape it. Because of it, we are spiritually dead and in need of life. Our debt before God is insurmountable. It is the biggest problem any of us has, since there is nothing we can do ourselves to pay that debt. God's standard is perfection, so no amount of good works or religious activities is enough.
 - 1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience - 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. (Ephesians 2:1-3)
- **But God...** These two words are some of the most powerful words in the Bible. God is merciful and loving. He did what we could never do in and of ourselves. He saved us by grace alone and gave us new life in Christ.
 - 4 **But God**, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:4-7)
- **Jesus saves.** He is God's gift to us. He paid our debt before the Father. And through his death and resurrection, we are raised to eternal life. There is nothing we can do to earn it. It is only through Christ that we live a life pleasing to God.
 - 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:8-10)