

5. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life begins at the moment of regeneration, that moment we are born again. What if any difference is there between the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the filling of the Holy Spirit? What can we learn about the baptism of the Holy Spirit from **1 Cor. 12:13**? How about the filling of the Holy Spirit? (See **Eph. 5:15-21**)

6. What promise did Jesus make to His disciples on the night before His crucifixion (**vs. 18**)? Does this promise still hold true for us today? There are three possible explanations as to what Jesus meant when he said "*I will come to you*": 1) Jesus may have been referring to His resurrection; 2) He may have been referring to His return at the end of time; and 3) He may have been referring to eternity. Which explanation do you think fits best here? Why? Is it possible Jesus referred to all three here? (See **John 11:25-26**)

7. Many scholars believe **verse 20** refers to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. How did the resurrection of Jesus change everything? Why should this be an encouragement to every Christian? (See **1 Cor. 15:23**) As we grow in our relationship with Christ, our relationship will become stronger and more intimate. Read **Philippians 3:10** in the Amplified Version of the Bible. (Hint: Search online) What is Paul specifically praying for? Is this your desire too?

8. What can we learn from **verse 21** about a person who keeps the commandments of Jesus? On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your own relationship with Christ? What are some steps that you can take to improve your own walk with Him?

Part II: Jesus manifests Himself to His disciples, but not to the world (John 14:22-25)

1. What is another possible name for the Judas mentioned in **verse 22**? (See **Matt. 10:3**; **Mark 3:18**) Why do you think so few people name their children Judas today? The Judas of **verse 22** seemed surprised at the comments from Jesus. What were the Jews expecting from their Messiah? Why would the thought of Jesus leaving without delivering the Jews from Roman oppression surprise Judas and the others?

2. Jesus never directly answered the question from Judas, instead He addressed another issue in **verse 23**. How do we find love, obedience and blessing all linked together in **verse 23**? What did Jesus mean when He said, *"We will come to him and make Our home with him."* In the context, was this a reference to **John 14:1** or to the coming of the Holy Spirit in a new and a fresh way?

3. According to Jesus in **verse 24**, who is the one who does not love Him? Who are we really violating if we violate the words of Jesus? In **verse 25**, Jesus told His disciples, *"These things I have spoken to you while being present with you."* That would not last. What would happen within the next 24 hours?

Part III: The Helper, the Holy Spirit will teach you all things and bring to remembrance all things that I have said to you (John 14:26-31)

1. According to **verse 26**, who was *"the Helper"* that Jesus was talking about? Notice the Helper will be sent to represent Jesus. What will the role of this Helper be? Note: The Holy Spirit did not come to bring glory to Himself, but rather to Jesus. This reminds us that Jesus came to bring glory to His Father. Should we be focusing on our own glory or Gods?

2. The role of the Holy Spirit would be particularly important when it came to writing the New Testament. What can we learn from the following two verses? (See **2 Tim. 3:16-17**; **2 Pet. 1:20-21**) *"The Nicene Creed"* is one of the great creeds of the Christian faith. What can we learn about the sending of the Holy Spirit from this ancient creed? (Hint: Search Online)

3. The Holy Spirit is not a force like the Jehovah's Witnesses insist. Notice the personal pronoun, *"He,"* in **verse 26b**. What does this tell us about the Holy Spirit?

4. When Jesus said, *"My peace"* in **verse 27**, He did so emphatically. The kind of peace Jesus was talking about was *"peace with God."* (See **Rom. 5:1**) Do you realize that unbelievers are at war with God? What can we learn about the unbeliever from **Rom. 8:5-8**? Why is it important for everyone to be at peace with God? What is the one way to get there?

5. Why should the disciples of Jesus have rejoiced that He was going away to the Father (**vs. 28**)? When Jesus said, *“My Father is greater than I,”* did He mean that the Father was of greater essence and deity? What did Jesus mean? How would you explain the orthodox doctrine of the Trinity if someone asked you to do so? R.C. Sproul notes, *“The Father purposes, the Son accomplishes, and the Spirit applies.”* What did R.C. mean by each?

6. What evidence do you see of prophesy in **verse 29**? Why is prophesy so important, not only to the uniqueness of the Bible, but also to the everyday life of the Christian? Does Bible prophesy help solidify your faith in God? Why or why not?

7. As we come to **verse 30**, Jesus was just hours away from His crucifixion. What did Jesus mean when He said, *“the ruler of this world is coming?”* Who was Satan using as his tool? What did Jesus mean when He said, *“and he has nothing on me?”* (See **2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:22; Heb. 4:15; 7:26; 1 John 3:5**) How difficult will it be for Jesus to overthrow the enemy at His Second Coming? (See **2 Thess. 2:8**)

8. In **verse 31** we find Jesus about to demonstrate the ultimate act of obedience and love. What would it be? A major theme in **John chapter 14** is that love and obedience lead to blessing. What can we learn from the following verses: **John 14:15, 21, 23-24**?

9. The last six words in **verse 31** have caused some confusion historically. If, in fact, the Upper Room discourse is from **John chapters 14-17**, what exactly did Jesus mean when He said, *“Arise, let us go from here?”* Is it possible Jesus said, *“Let’s go,”* but the disciples continued to talk with Him in the Upper Room? Is it possible that Jesus finished the remaining teaching on the way to the Garden of Gethsemane? What allegory comes in the very next verse (See **John 15:1**). Does this allegory fit better in the Upper Room or while walking on a trail to the Garden of Gethsemane past a vineyard?

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- The mark of the true Christian is love.
- If we love Jesus, we will keep His commandments to love God and to love other people.
- All three members of the Holy Trinity are seen at work in **verse 16**.
- When we love Jesus, both Father and Son will manifest their love to us through the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit.
- If we want to know God more intimately, we need to spend quality time in His Word.
- The Holy Spirit has been sent to help us in times of need and to give us strength for the battle of life.
- The Bible is a magnificent book of prophecies in which God tells the world what will come to pass beforehand; this helps to prove the authenticity and truth of the Bible.
- Jesus demonstrated the ultimate act of love and obedience when He willingly died on the cross for our sins.