

Year A - 5th Sunday of Easter

John 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.



Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'



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Jesus is the way



Introduction In this gospel we hear Jesus comforting the disciples. They are worried because, in the chapter just before, he has told them that he is going away. They don't understand what he is talking about and they are confused.



Message

- Let's look for scripture clues to see if we can understand what Jesus means:
- Jesus says, 'my father's house', who is Jesus referring to? Can we think of any other names for the 'father's house' (heaven, kingdom of God, reign of God, being with God and being close to God).
- Jesus says, 'I am going there to prepare a place for you', how does Jesus do this? (Jesus dies on the cross and rises again).
- Jesus says, 'if you know me, then you know the father', why is this? (Because Jesus is God in the flesh).
- Jesus says, 'I am the way', who does Jesus lead us to? (Jesus is the way to God).
- God loves each one of us SO MUCH! God wants to be our closest friend and to be with us in every minute of our life - starting now and forever and ever!
- That's why God came to live with us, as a person, just like us. This person's name is Jesus.
- Jesus died on the cross and rose again to new life! Jesus' love is stronger than anything!
- We can meet Jesus in our hearts today and, if we know Jesus, then we know God also because Jesus is God!

Discussion

- Who are some people you know who are followers of Jesus?
- How can you tell? How do you know?

To follow up this message, use the prayer experience at the end of this resource so that the children may respond to God's invitation to be in relationship.