

Sunday Rendezvous March 29 2020

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Read John 14:11-27

John 14:11-27 The Message (MSG)

¹¹⁻¹⁴ “Believe me: I am in my Father and my Father is in me. If you can’t believe that, believe what you see—these works. The person who trusts me will not only do what I’m doing but even greater things, because I, on my way to the Father, am giving you the same work to do that I’ve been doing. You can count on it. From now on, whatever you request along the lines of who I am and what I am doing, I’ll do it. That’s how the Father will be seen for who he is in the Son. I mean it. Whatever you request in this way, I’ll do.

¹⁵⁻¹⁷ “If you love me, show it by doing what I’ve told you. I will talk to the Father, and he’ll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can’t take him in because it doesn’t have eyes to see him, doesn’t know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be *in* you!

¹⁸⁻²⁰ “I will not leave you orphaned. I’m coming back. In just a little while the world will no longer see me, but you’re going to see me because I am alive and you’re about to come alive. At that moment you will know absolutely that I’m in my Father, and you’re in me, and I’m in you.

²¹ “The person who knows my commandments and keeps them, that’s who loves me. And the person who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and make myself plain to him.”

²² Judas (not Iscariot) said, “Master, why is it that you are about to make yourself plain to us but not to the world?”

²³⁻²⁴ “Because a loveless world,” said Jesus, “is a sightless world. If anyone loves me, he will carefully keep my word and my Father will love him—we’ll move right into the neighborhood! Not loving me means not keeping my words. The message you are hearing isn’t mine. It’s the message of the Father who sent me.

²⁵⁻²⁷ “I’m telling you these things while I’m still living with you. The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. He will remind you of all the things I have told you. I’m leaving you well and whole. That’s my parting gift to you. Peace. I don’t leave you the way you’re used to being left—feeling abandoned, bereft. So don’t be upset. Don’t be distraught.

1) Why do you think Jesus’ focus seems to be on reassurance for the disciples?

- 2) Who is the helper that Jesus promises that the Father will send the disciples when he is gone? What will the helper do? (Verses 16-17, 25-26)

- 3) How are Jesus' followers stronger because of the Holy Spirit? How does this speak to those that put their trust in Jesus today?

- 4) How have you been aware of God's in your life? Have you ever "felt" like God was speaking to you or leading you some place? What do you know about the Holy Spirit?

- 5) What are the promises about prayer that Jesus makes in verses 11-14?

- 6) What does the term world mean in Verse 22?

- 7) What is the difference between Jesus followers and those that are in "the World"?

- 8) Why is it impossible for the world to bring about lasting peace?

- 9) How is peace experienced through Jesus? How have you experienced this kind of Peace?