

# Sunday Reading

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## A Reading from the Gospel of John 14:1-12: Last Supper Discourses

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you know me, then you will also know

my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, because I am going to the Father."

## Discussion Questions

1. What promises does Jesus make to the disciples in this Gospel reading?
2. Which of these promises speaks the most to you? Why?
3. What question does Thomas ask and what reply does Jesus give him?
4. What does Jesus' reply mean?
5. What request does Philip make of Jesus and what reply does Jesus give him?
6. How does Jesus' reply to Philip make sense?
7. What questions would/do you have for Jesus and how do you think He would reply to you?
8. Read the passage one more time. What is one line that jumps out to you and why?

# My Father's House

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**Directions:** In this week's Gospel, Jesus compares Heaven to a house with many rooms, and in this house, there is a room prepared for us. Take a moment to think about your own home and your own room. Then, answer the reflection questions:

1. How does your own home make you feel safe? How does it make you feel comfortable?

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2. What do you like best about your home? Why?

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3. Describe your own room. What do you like best about it? How do you feel when you are in your room?

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4. Jesus wants us to know that Heaven, His Father's house, is our true home. Why do you think Jesus compares Heaven to a house, or our homes? How does it make you feel to know that Heaven is our true home?

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5. Describe what you think Heaven will be like.

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