



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN PRESENTS:

Jesus, The Comforter

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Introduction: John describes Jesus as the Word of God, a Zealot, an Evangelist, a Provider, a Caretaker, a Shepherd, and a Servant. Now we get to see Jesus, the Comforter. Let's study together

Discussion:

I. Comforting The Eleven (14:1-4)

The disciples desperately needed to be comforted.

Jesus was going to prepare a place for them.

Jesus promised to come again.

II. Comforting Thomas (14:5-7)

Thomas is confused and wants some answers.

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

The Father is accessible because of Jesus.

III. Comforting Philip (14:8-21)

Philip is confused and wants some answers.

Jesus is the living image of the Father.

The Holy Spirit will be sent because of Jesus.

IV. Comforting Judas (14:22-31)

Judas (not Iscariot) is confused and wants some answers.

Jesus offers the Holy Spirit as a Helper, Comforter, and Gift of Peace.

V. Comforting Israel (15:1-8)

The Old Testament has the background for this chapter.

Jesus is the True and Genuine Vine.

All of the gospels speak of the fruit of the vine.

VI. Comforting The World (15:9-17)

John loves to use the words "love" and "joy" in his writings.

The whole theme of I John is seen here in this chapter.

Fruit bearing disciples will bless the kingdom and the world.

VII. Comforting The Disciples (15:18-27)

The last words of Jesus to His disciples should move us to action.

Jesus would be hated and rejected, but He didn't worry about the praise of men.

Mankind crucified Jesus and we are all sinners guilty of His death.

Conclusion: The gospel of John is profound, but simple. John clearly shows us that his intention is for the readers of this gospel to "believe" and "receive" the good news (**John 20:30-31**). **Where are you in your walk with God? Do you believe Him and trust Him? Have you received salvation in His name?**

WORD OF THE DAY = "COMFORTER"