

John 14:4-11

John 14:4-5 *“(4) And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. (5) Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?”*

- A. They know where Jesus is going, for He has told them (**John 6:62** and **John 14:2-3**).
 - 1. He has told them the way by telling them to follow Him (**John 12:25-26**).
 - 2. Jesus will continue to clarify where He is going (**John 16:28**), though they will not fully understand what He’s telling them until after He has departed (**John 14:28-29**, **John 16:4-5**, **John 16:17-18**, and **Acts 1:6-11**; cf. **John 12:15-16**).
- B. Thomas is not quick in understanding or faith (**John 20:19-29**).
 - 1. Though Jesus just told them they knew the way, Thomas denies having such knowledge because he’s not seeing things clearly (**Mark 8:18** and **Luke 24:25**).
 - 2. Some people are very hard to teach (**Hebrews 5:8-6:3**).

John 14:6-9 *“(6) Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (7) If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. (8) Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. (9) Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?”*

- A. Jesus answers Thomas by showing He is the only way to the Father (**Matthew 11:27**, **John 3:36**, **John 10:9**, **Acts 4:10-12**, and **I Timothy 2:5-6**).
 - 1. Jesus established that He is the truth (**John 1:14**, **John 1:17**, and **Ephesians 4:21**).
 - 2. Jesus also established that He is the life (**John 1:1-4**, **John 5:26**, **John 11:25**, **Colossians 3:1-4**, **I John 4:9**, **I John 5:11-12**, and **I John 5:20**).
- B. If you know Jesus you know the Father (**John 8:19**).
 - 1. You’ve seen the Father when you’ve seen Christ (**Hebrews 1:1-3**).
 - 2. You cannot have one without the other (**John 5:23**, **John 14:23**, and **II John 9**).
 - 3. It is a sad thing to read Jesus asking Philip: *“Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip”* (**v.9**; cf. **Matthew 15:1-20** and **Mark 16:14**)?
- C. Philip wants to see the Father (**Exodus 33:18-23**).
 - 1. No earthly man has seen the Father (**John 1:18**, **John 6:46**, **I John 4:12**, and **I John 4:20**).
 - 2. Seeing God is something that comes in the future (**Matthew 5:8**; cf. **I John 3:1-2**).
 - 3. God is a Spirit (**John 4:23-24**), not a visible being (**Colossians 1:12-15**).
 - a. So, what about Jacob saying he saw God face to face (**Genesis 32:24-30**)?
 - b. It wasn’t God the Father (**Hosea 12:2-6**).

John 14:10-11 *“(10) Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. (11) Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.”*

A. Jesus questions whether or not they believe in Him, as faith is required to even begin the journey to Heaven (**Acts 8:36-38, Romans 10:10, Hebrews 11:6, and I John 3:23**).

1. This chapter began with Jesus asking them to believe in Him as they do the Father (**John 14:1**).

2. The twelve needed to grasp these things or they would be in sin (**John 8:23-24**), and find themselves reproved by the Spirit (**John 16:7-10**).

3. A person's disbelief in Christ does not change who He is (**II Timothy 2:13**).

B. Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Jesus (**John 17:20-23**).

1. God the Father and God the Son are one (**John 10:30**).

2. In fact, the Holy Spirit is included in that unity as one (**Matthew 28:19 and I John 5:7**).

3. Jesus proved that the Father was in Him (**John 10:37-38**).