

Message Notes

"Take the Love Test"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the English Standard Version)

Introduction - *"One of the most heart-wrenching letters...ever!"*

"If you love me, you will _____"

John 14:15-24

What is Jesus trying to say?
True love for Jesus will result in obedience.

What does Jesus Demand from the World?

Why is this so important?

The glory of God!

Making the invisible visible!

This is the part of the story where God takes over.

Who is this "Helper" guy?

John 14:25-26

Two big things he does:

1. He _____.
2. He _____.

"Let not your hearts be troubled."

John 14:27-31

"Here's my peace, I'm outta here."

"If you loved me, you would have wanted me to get outta here."

"Just so you know, it's all good."

Conclusion - *"One of the most beautiful letters...ever!"*

Application - *"Given the complete unknowns of tomorrow, will you believe in and trust the words of Christ today?"*

John 14:15-31

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" 23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

25 "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. 28 You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. 30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, 31 but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

John 14:1, 11-14

"Believe in God; believe also in me... Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I'm going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in my name, I will do it."

John 13:34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Matthew 5:16

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

John 16:33

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

