



The DAILY JESUS NEWS #289
Thursday... Day of Instruction and Arrest:
Jesus Delivers His “Farewell Discourse”

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit to His Disciples
JN 14.15-26

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15 “If you love me, you will keep my commands.

16 “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate just like me to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he is living with you, and will be in you.

18 “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live eternally, you also will have eternal life. 20 On that day--when the Spirit comes to make his home in you-- you will realize that I am living in the consciousness of my union in my Father, and you are likewise living in the same union in me, and I am alive in you.

21 “Whoever is holding on to my commands and is keeping them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and reveal myself to them.”

22 Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

23 Jesus replied, “*Anyone who is loving me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.*

25 “I have spoken these things while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

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NOTE: We use superscript identification of the source gospel in "blended texts" as follows: Matthew = ^{MT}, Mark = ^M, Luke = ^L, John = ^J, Acts = ^A. This “superscript ID” is inserted at the beginning of the quoted text, identifying that Bible book until a different superscript appears. In addition, *red italics identify the words of Jesus*. Old Testament quotations are CAPITALIZED

	CONTEXT DIGEST
Location	An Upper Room in Jerusalem
Timeline	Early April (Month 39)

Jesus' Life Context	Stage VIII: Passion Week
	D. Thursday: Day of Instruction and Arrest
	Jesus Delivers His "Farewell Discourse"
Title	Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit to His Disciples

COMMENT:

In his Farewell Discourse Jesus gave us the most important, detailed information about the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit in all the Scriptures. These are the truths that the rest of the New Testament writers, especially Paul, built their beliefs and teachings about the Spirit upon. We should, too.

Every believer should become thoroughly familiar with these precious promises from Jesus. When Jesus said: **"I have spoken these things to you while still with you,"** he used the perfect tense of the verb "speak. That means the results of what he said remain--the truths about the Spirit that he unveiled to us--remain in effect for all time and eternity.

Jesus described the Holy Spirit as **"another Advocate just like me."** This was an unusually rich expression. Just as Jesus was one with the Father and expressed that truth many times, here he said that he was one with the Holy Spirit in sharing the same Divine nature, character, and personality... **"just like me."** The Holy Spirit is a co-equal Divine Person in the Trinity with the Father and Son.

Jesus used the richest title for the Holy Spirit in the Bible when he called him the "Advocate." This word is so loaded with meaning that no single English word can capture it all. This is the reason various Bible translations use different words, such as Helper, Comforter, Counselor, and Advocate. I would recommend that you do a word-study of this term on your own and master the many levels of meaning that are hidden there. The Holy Spirit is the sum of all the various components of this term, and yet he is much more.

One key concept regarding the ministry of the Spirit is that he represents Jesus within the mind and heart of every believer. Jesus came to represent the Father. He refused to speak or act on his initiative, always following the leadership and will of the Father, so that he represented his Father in all things. This was why Jesus could say: **"If you have seen me, you have seen the Father."**

In the same way, the Holy Spirit strictly represents Jesus in all of his dealings with us. The Spirit does not speak or act on his own initiative. Instead, he says and does what Jesus is saying and doing toward us in heaven.

In this capacity the Advocate is the medium through which we are linked up eternally with Jesus. Just as the Father lived in the Son, and the Son focused on the Father through the Spirit, now Jesus lives in us spiritually by the Spirit, and we are alive in Jesus through the Spirit. Therefore Jesus said: **"In that day (the day in which the Spirit comes to live within us) you will realize that I am in the Father, and that you are in me, and I am in you."** The Spirit acts as the personal representative of Jesus--his agent--within us.

Because the Spirit represents Jesus, and Jesus represents the Father, in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the Father and Son also make their home with us. We enter into the fellowship of the Trinity, and the fellowship of the Trinity makes their home with and in us. This is the most glorious truth mere mortals will ever be given--to be the dwelling place of the Triune God, and to be graced to enter into the Holy of Holies of their loving fellowship as well!

As the representative of the Jesus, the Holy Spirit has a special ministry of reminding us and teaching us about everything Jesus said and did in this earthly ministry. He began this process by first enabling the gospel writers to not just remember, but also to deeply understand the things Jesus said and did. He inspired and guided them as they wrote these things down in words, so that the whole truth and nothing but the truth was accurately recorded. Then, he opens us our understanding about Jesus through the truth of Scripture, so that we know the real, living Jesus through the witness of the gospel.

There is much more in this foundational teaching from Jesus about the Spirit that I have not mentioned. You and I cannot afford to be ignorant of anything Jesus said here. Please get to know these words of Jesus in the power of the Spirit!

APPLICATION:

Jesus said that the Holy Spirit will make his home in us forever. ***"He will be with you forever...he will be in you..."*** We have an eternal relationship with the Spirit.

Just as the Holy Spirit is everything to us when it comes to knowing Jesus, we are everything to him, too, for we are his temple—his eternal home. That means we must be holy, even as he is holy.

Is there anything in your thought life, habits, attitudes, and feelings that make an inappropriate home for the Spirit to live? What do you need to clean out today?