

Sermon Title: Untroubled Faith

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-14

Main Question: Why is Jesus' physical departure a reason to believe in him?

1. His departure means that he went where we couldn't go to do for us what we could never do (1-7).

Cite verses 1-7

Cite: 13:31-36

2. Before his departure Jesus gave us an unparalleled revelation of God (8-11).

Cite verses 7-11

Cite Hebrews 1:3

C.S. Lewis Quote:

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

3. His departure comes with the promise of more and greater ministry (12-14)

Cite verses 12-14,

Cite verses 16-17

4 Applications:

1. Believe *in* Jesus.

Cite John 20:30

Quote: "True belief does not simply mean believing Jesus, that is, believing that he is telling the truth and is not speaking lies. Rather, the work God requires is this: to believe in the one he has sent. Or as Jesus says elsewhere, "He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. To believe, then, is to rely completely on his person and to trust totally what he teaches about himself. True believers see Jesus for who he says he is, and they rely on him."

2. Don't worship heaven over God.

3. What we need in troubles is truth

4. We should Ask Jesus for powerful and effective ministry