

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mount Zion A.M.E. Church of New Brunswick, NJ

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Wisdom To Follow John 14:1-14

Wisdom (noun)

- The ability to judge correctly and to follow the best course of action, based on **knowledge** and **understanding**
- Wisdom ONLY comes from the **experience of others**
 - Proverbs 3:7
 - Do not be wise **in your own eyes**;
Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

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Section Review (Wisdom in the Gospels)

- 7/5 – Vindicating Wisdom: Matthew 11:7-19: Wisdom can come in forms we may not appreciate, but does not make it any less true
- 7/12 – The Boy Jesus: Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7b; Luke 2:39-52; Wisdom can be acquired at any age. Do not curb a learner's curiosity
- 7/19 – The Wisdom of Jesus: Mark 6:1-6; Your expectations of others affects how you receive wisdom

Background

- John 13 details the time of the Passover and Last Supper.
- After the supper, Jesus washes the feet of his disciples (v. 5)
- Jesus tells the disciples that one of them would betray Him (v. 21)
- He also informs the disciples that He will soon be leaving them and that they could not follow Him (v. 33).
- His final commandments to disciples was to love one another as he loved them (v. 31-35)
- Undoubtedly, these things disturbed the disciples – particularly Peter who vowed he would die for Jesus, but Jesus rebukes him and prophesizes that Peter would deny Him 3 times (v. 37-38)

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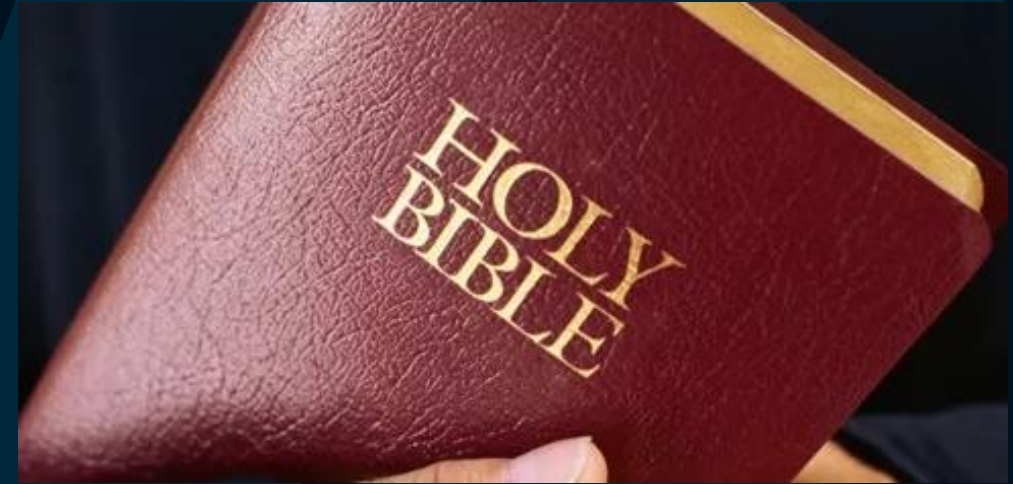
John 14:1 - 6(NKJV)

The Way, the Truth, and the Life

14 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are many ^[a]mansions; if *it were* not so, ^[b]I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. ⁴ And where I go you know, and the way you know."

⁵ Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."



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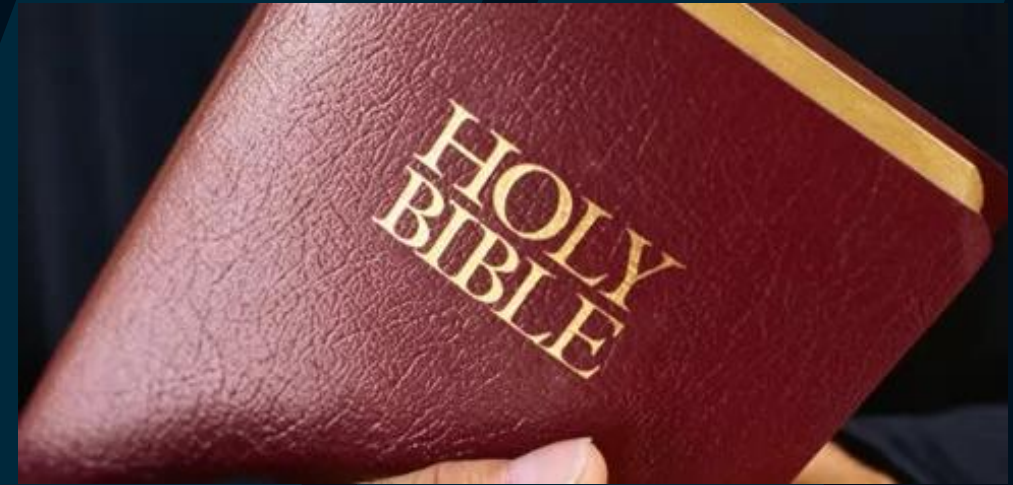
John 14:7 – 11 (NKJV)

The Father Revealed

⁷ "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

⁸ Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

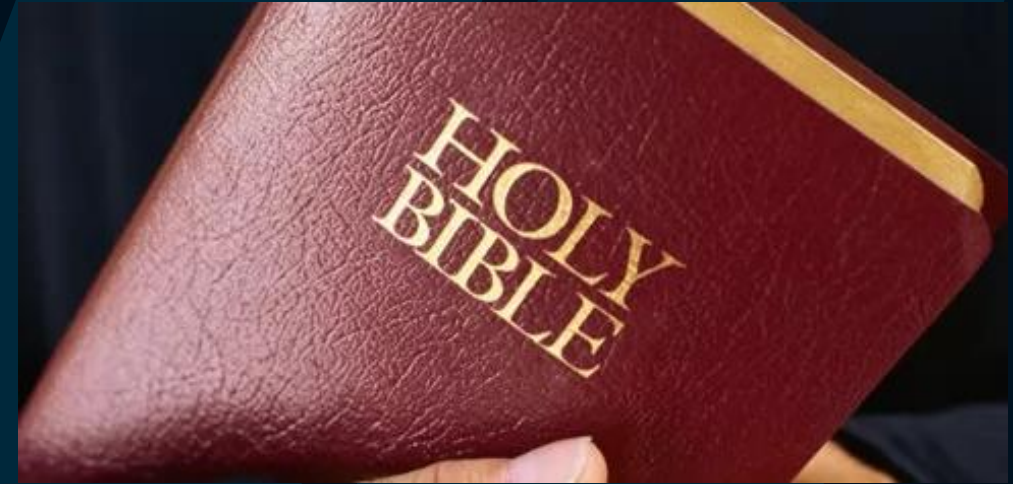


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John 14:12 – 14 (NKJV)

The Answered Prayer

¹² "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father. ¹³ And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ^[c]ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.



Commentary: True Wisdom In Our Time

- True wisdom is not about some secret knowledge or principles known to the select few (academic or intellectual)
 - **Colossians 1:26** ; the [b]mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.
- True wisdom is not about a set of acts or practices of “righteousness” (vocational)
 - **Matthew 7:22-23**; Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’
- True wisdom is not about a path to a physical place or destination (positional)
 - **John 4:24**; God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
- True wisdom is a PERSON – Jesus The Christ (relational)
 - **John 14:6**; Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Commentary: Jesus: The Great "I AM"

The Way

1. To know the Father, you MUST know the Son
2. The Father and The Son are ONE
3. The only one that can save: Acts 4:12: "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

The Truth

1. The source of all wisdom, knowledge and understanding
2. The standard by which everything will be judged
3. The confidence that we have in His Word: John 1:1: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. "

The Life

1. The overcomer of death
2. The assurance of our salvation
3. The one that gives this life true meaning: John 10:10: "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly."

Commentary: Prepared but still doubting

1. Jesus voiced his frustration at His disciples for not knowing where He was going or who His father was, despite discipling them for 3 years
2. The disciples had everything they needed to carry out the work (the greater work) for Christ, but they still doubted themselves and this was proven by Peter's denials after Jesus' arrest
3. This doubt persisted until Resurrection. After that, there was no more doubting.

John 20:29: " Jesus said to him, ^[a]"Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Commentary: Prayer

12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

- Are we doing His works?

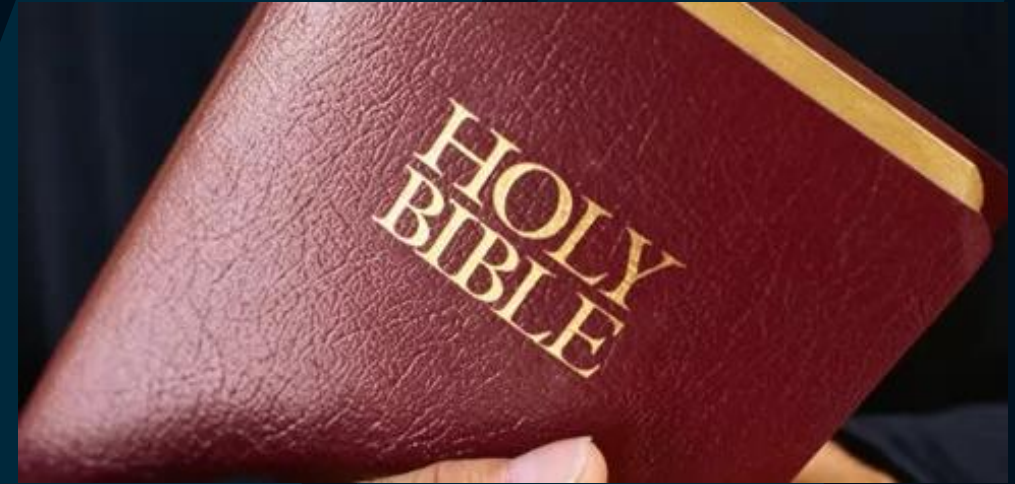
13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If you ^[c]ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.

- Does God get the glory in what we ask?

Mark 14:36: **36** And He said, "Abba, Father, all things *are* possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You *will*."

- Prayer is not about changing God, it's about changing US

Scripture References



Refer to Scriptures in the commentary

Church School Creed & Benediction

CREED

Our Church School must grow & grow
And we must help to make it so
Every member a **Christian**
Every Christian a **worker**
Every worker **trained**
A worker that **will not be ashamed**
This we ask in Jesus' name

-AMEN

BENEDICTION

We have come
We have studied
We have learned
So until our next coming together
To study God's word
May His rich blessings reside with you
And may His Grace be eternally yours

-AMEN