

## Jesus in the Upper Room, Part Two

Scripture Reference: John 13:31-14:7

Scripture Verse: "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" - John 14:6

Main Truth: Jesus will return for the people who love and believe in Him.

Jesus and His friends, the disciples, were sitting around the table. Jesus loved them so much. He knew that He would go to the cross soon and die for the sins of the world. Before He went, He had some important things to tell them. Jesus looked at His friends and said, "Something special is about to happen very soon." Jesus was talking about when He would die on the cross and come alive again to save people from sin.

Jesus continued, "I love you all, but I will leave soon. You cannot come with me yet. Love and take care of one another." The disciples were so confused! Where was Jesus going that they couldn't go, after all they had been following Him for the past 3 years.

Peter spoke up for the group and asked, "Where are you going? Why can't I come?" Jesus said, "Don't be sad, Peter. I am going home to be with God the Father. I am going there to make a place for you! You will be able to come live with us! When it is time, I will come and get you."

This is so exciting! Jesus will return for the people who love and believe in Him. He will take His people to live in heaven! (You can describe heaven to the kids here if you would like- ex. Live with God, everyone is happy, no pain or sadness, beautiful etc.).

The disciples were still confused. "What is He talking about??" They thought to themselves. Finally Thomas spoke up, "Jesus, we do not know where you are going. We do not know the way to get there." Thomas forgot about all the times Jesus said that He came from heaven and that He is God. Thomas forgot that Jesus told them before that believing in Him is the only way to get to heaven. So Jesus explained again, (read from Bible John 14:6) "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus is the one and only way to live forever in heaven with God. Jesus is the only perfect one who could die for the sins of the world, so when we believe in Him, we have eternal life.

Jesus is God. Jesus is the one who made and knows everything about each and every one of us (can say this phrase for each child like "Jesus made and knows everything about Charlie, Jesus made and knows everything about Jackson" and so on through all the kids). Jesus is all-powerful. When Jesus says that we can have eternal life when we believe in Him, we can trust that. When Jesus says He will return for the people who love and believe in Him, we that will happen.

Questions:

Whose true words are in the Bible? God's

Who was Jesus sitting with? The disciples

What did Jesus know was going to happen soon? Death and resurrection, pay for sins of world

What did Jesus tell the disciples to do? Love one another

Where was Jesus going to go? Heaven

Who will return for the people who love and believe in Him? Jesus

Who is the way, the truth and the life? Jesus

How can we have eternal life? Believe that God sent Jesus (who is Himself God), to pay for the sins of the world

Infant story:

Jesus was spending time with His friends, the disciples.

Jesus knew He was going to die for the sins of the world, come alive again, and go to heaven.

Jesus said to the disciples, "I am going to leave you soon. You cannot come with me yet. Love and take care of one another."

The disciples didn't want Jesus to go, they were confused.

Jesus told the disciples, "Don't be afraid. I am going to make a place for you in heaven. I will come back for you."

Jesus will return for the people who love and believe in Him.

Jesus always keeps His promises.

People who love Jesus get to be with Him forever.

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

Jesus is God.

Jesus is the only way to get to heaven and be with God forever.

When we believe that God the Father sent Jesus to die for our sins, we have eternal life with God.