

*Desires  
Of The  
Disciples*

*John 13:36 - 14:9*

## **John 13:36-38**

**36 Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.**

**37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.**

**38 Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.**

## **John 14:1-9**

**1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.**

**2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, 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 unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.**

**4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.**

**5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?**

## **John 14:1-9 - continued**

**6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

**7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.**

**8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.**

**9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?**

# Introduction

**A. Jesus has prepared His disciples for His coming death**

**Mark 10:32-34**

**32 And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him,**

**33 Saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles:**

**34 And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.**

# **Introduction**

**B. The disciples have some personal questions and desires**

**1. Peter wants to follow Jesus ... now**

**2. Thomas wants to know the way to heaven**

**3. Philip wants to see the Father**

# **I. The Desire Of Peter To Follow Jesus (13:37)**

**A. “Why cannot I follow thee now?”**

**B. Jesus had already told Peter he could not follow Him then (v 36)**

**C. Peter was trying to force God’s plan into his timetable  
Matthew 16:22-23**

**22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying,  
Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.**

**23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me,  
Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not  
the things that be of God, but those that be of men.**

# **I. The Desire Of Peter To Follow Jesus (13:37)**

**D. Many have tried to do the will of God on their terms**

**1. This is sure to bring failure**

**2. God's way and time are always best**

**Isaiah 55:8-9**

**8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.**

**9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.**



## **II. The Desire Of Thomas To Know The way To Heaven (14:5)**

**A. “How can we know the way?”**

**B. Thomas has just heard the most loved text on heaven**

**C. Thomas wanted to make sure he would be included**

**D. He lacked assurance of heaven**

## **II. The Desire Of Thomas To Know The way To Heaven (14:5)**

### **E. Jesus settles it for Thomas (v 6)**

**1. The way: that the will of man may choose it**

**Matthew 7:14**

**Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**

**2. The truth: that the mind of man may comprehend it**

**Philippians 4:7**

**And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

## **II. The Desire Of Thomas To Know The way To Heaven (14:5)**

**E. Jesus settles it for Thomas (v 6) - continued**

**3. The life: that the heart of man may experience it**

**John 10:10**

**The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

# **III. The Desire Of Philip To See The Father (14:8)**

**A. “Lord, show us the Father and it sufficeth us”**

**1. Let us see the Father and we’ll be satisfied**

**Hebrews 4:1**

**Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.**

**2. Reveals that Philip hadn’t been listening**

**B. Jesus’ reply - “He that hath seen me hath seen the Father”**

# **III. The Desire Of Philip To See The Father (14:8)**

## **C. The mystery of the Trinity**

**1. To know about the Holy Spirit, listen to Jesus**

**2. To know about Jesus, listen to the Holy Spirit**

**John 15:26**

**But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:**

**3. To know about the Father, observe Jesus**

**What Are Your Desires?**