

EXCUSES PEOPLE USE TO NOT PUT THEIR TRUST IN JESUS

v1 Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. v2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. v3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. v4 You know the way to the place where I am going." v5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" v6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. v7 If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." v8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." v9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? v10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. v11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. v12 I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. v13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. v14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. v15 "If you love me, you will obey what I command. v16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever-- v17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. v18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. v19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. v20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. v21 Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." v22 Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" v23 Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. v24 He 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. v25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. v26 But the Counsellor, 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. v27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. v28 "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. v29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. v30 I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, v31 but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. "Come now; let us leave.

John 14:1-31

THE MISSION OF JESUS EXPRESSED

In the first four verses Jesus gloriously comforts humanity by explaining HIS PURPOSE for coming to earth and HIS VISION for the FUTURE.

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1. The EXCUSE of MYSTERY

v5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" - It's TO complicated and mysterious.

a. It's not COMPLICATED.

i. **There is only ONE WAY, v4.** *You know the way to the place where I am going."*

ii. **Jesus is TRUTH v6.** *I am ... THE TRUTH*

b. It's not MYSTERIOUS. v6. *I am THE WAY.*

2. The EXCUSE of EVIDENCE

v8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." - We won't believe until you provide the evidence.

a. **Jesus said, "I AM THE EVIDENCE"**. v10 *Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me?*

b. **Jesus said, "MY WORDS ARE EVIDENCE"**. v10 ... *The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work*

c. **Jesus said, "MY WORKS ARE EVIDENCE"**. v11 *Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.*

d. **Jesus said, "MY PEOPLE ARE EVIDENCE"**. v12 *I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. v13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. v14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it .*

e. **Jesus said, "MY GIFT IS EVIDENCE"**. v16 *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever-- v17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.*

3. The EXCUSE of SELECTION

v22 Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" -

We won't believe because JESUS APPEARS TO BE SELECTIVE

a. **JESUS CHOOSES THOSE WHO CHOOSE HIM-**
v21 *Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."*

b. **What about those who never meet Jesus -** v28 *"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. v29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. WE BELIEVE EVEN THOUGH WE NEVER MET JESUS.*