

Simple Faith in God!

KJV John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. Jesus said!

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.

Jesus says these words after Peter is told he cannot go with Jesus when He leaves.

Not to be discouraged because He's is going to prepare a place for us and come back to get us!

Then Jesus tells them that they know the way!

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

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, shew 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, Shew us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Jesus **simply** asked two people who'd followed Him for years, **did they believe in Him!**

My brothers and sisters, we have come to a time and place where we need to ask ourselves this question: **“Do We Believe in Jesus Christ?”**

Jesus addresses **Philips** last, we'll address him first!

Philip is only mentioned in the list of disciples by the other gospel writers, only John has more to say about Philip.

Historians suggest Philip was a disciple of John The Baptist.

Philip is the one who brought Nathaniel to meet Jesus.

Jesus test Philips faith when Jesus feeds the 5000!

John 6:5 As Jesus saw a large crowd coming to him, he said to Philip, *"Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?"*

6 Jesus asked this question to test him. He already knew what he was going to do.

7 Philip answered, *"We would need about a year's wages to buy enough bread for each of them to have a piece."*

Philip is looking at things from a **natural point of view**, he is unable to see with the eyes of faith!

So when Jesus tells the disciples when they see Him they see The Father.

Again, **Philip** wanted to see God with his natural eyes!

John 14:8 Philip said to him, *"Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."*

9 Jesus said to him, *"Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"*

Thomas over the years has been referred to as "Doubting Thomas" his name means twin, hence the Greek rendering of "Didymus"!

Thomas famously doubts that The Resurrected Jesus standing in front of him is the same Jesus was following.

John points this out clearly in his gospel:

KJV John 20:26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, *Peace be unto you.*

27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, **My Lord and my God.**

29 Jesus saith unto him, *Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.*

All those years Thomas walked with Jesus, talked with Jesus, seeing and experiencing the love of Jesus and the miracles He did yet Thomas **struggled** believing!

Here we have two close followers of Jesus struggling to have **simple faith** in Him!

ESV Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

NIV Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

BBE Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the sign that the things not seen are true.

Why is it people can have complete faith in a virus they can't see?

Because they can see the effects of it and are fearful and believe if they get it, they can get sick and possibly die! This is **Simple Faith!**

Isn't it the same thing as **believing** in Jesus by seeing the effects of His life, death and resurrection and being hopeful of eternal life!

Thomas and Philip may not have been able to see the supernatural effects of Jesus Christ on the lives of thousands of people.

They may not have been on the Mt. of Transfiguration or seen the glory of God on Jesus.

But they should have been able to see the affect of Jesus on their own lives!

The reason most of you didn't stay home and came to worship is because you've seen the effects of Jesus on your life over the years.

You have SIMPLE FAITH that what He's done before He can do again!