

## A Friend For The Jesus Way

John 14:15-24

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### Background

Join us this Sunday, as I share with you about a friend of mine. We have been friends for a few decades now. I try to make time for my friend on a regular basis, and when I do, my friend provides strength and joy and peace and wisdom and comfort to me. The really great thing about this friend is he is always with me and never leaves me. I am of course speaking about the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. He is the friend we have with us on the Jesus Way. *Please note that we will end our service with communion.*

### Sermon Texts: John 14:6-14 (ESV)

*15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*

*18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" 23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.*

### Discussion Questions

#### 1. Preparation

- a. What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- b. What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- c. What stands out to you the most from this sermon?

## 2. Sunday questions

- a. Would you describe the Holy Spirit as a friend or not?
- b. Of the 5 observations about the Holy Spirit in these verses, which one really stands out to you? Which one do you still have questions about?
- c. Have you felt the Holy Spirit at work in your life? If so how?
- d. If you are a Christian, do you feel like you are becoming more and more “whole”? Why or why not?
- e. Can you name a time when you have wrestled with rival truth claims? Have you felt like the Holy Spirit has nudged you toward the truth?