

## Episode #2-04 – Who Is the Helper

I. The purpose of the gospel of John is to produce believers in the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the One anointed by God to be the Savior of the world, and that Jesus is the Son of God, God represented in human form.

II. We continue to consider events leading up to the Lord's death. In John 14, the Lord continues His teaching to His disciples at His last supper with them. We have studied His words on "in my father's house" and "whatever you shall ask in my name, I will do it." Now, we continue His discourse with them.

II. John 14:15-20. The Paraclete Part 1.

- A. V.15. Not the ten commandments. He had given them commands, as any good employer will do. He expected them to keep them. Especially in light of the great powers He had given them. Matt. 10:5. They would continue to keep them until He gave them a new command, such as in Acts 10.
- B. V.16. Pray = Greek *erota*, ask. Helper (Comforter) = *parakletos*, *para* = beside, *kletos* from *kaleo* to call. Not invite or bid (1/3 of occurrences) but position or designate. Positioned alongside to help like a defense lawyer, Latin advocate. The Lord was their Paraclete while He was there, but this is not possible with millions of believers. Forever = for the eon.
- C. V.17. They would have absolute power, such as in Acts 5:4&9. Power corrupts, but not with the Paraclete to keep them right. Truth dwelt with them in Christ.
- D. V.18. False messiahs left their disciples orphans. Not the Lord!
- E. V.19. This was less than 24 hours before the tomb. The world would not see Him again, but they would! They would live because He lives. We will too!
- F. V.20. They knew Them when they saw Him resurrected. Also at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit identified with them. Also the future when they will live again in resurrection. This is difficult to apply to us. "In" means "among," refers to works.

III. John 14:21-24. Keeping His commandments.

- A. V.21. We can see the disciples' love by their actions in Acts. This is the same today: those who love will do the things that please Him, and will know Him.
- B. V.22. Judas not Iscariot, called "Judas the son (brother?) of James" in Luke 6:16, Acts 1:13; "Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus" in Matt. 10:3; "Thaddaeus" in Mark 3:18. Judas = Judah, which is not a bad name. Judas does not understand.
- C. V.23. The Lord does not answer Judas' distraction. Home = same Greek word as mansions in verse 2 = center of activity. He and the Father will center their work around the one who loves Him and keeps word (They did this in Acts).

V. Conclusion: The Lord left His disciples, but He sent them the Holy Spirit to act as a Paraclete for them. Love for the Lord should be manifested in keeping His commandments. Those who love the Lord will have the Lord Jesus manifested to them, a way to tell the true from the false. The Lord Jesus and the Father will center their work around those who love Him and keep His word. Let us do both!