

# AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

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**John 13:31–14:14**

## Tags

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## Introduction

Judas disappears into the night and Jesus begins his farewell address to the disciples. He is only hours from his death and the tension in the upper room is tangible. Jesus will give them some final instructions as his departure approaches. Love that is clear and visible will be the defining mark of his disciples. The love that Jesus is talking about is not some overly sentimental concept, but the sacrificial love he has modeled during the past three years. Jesus says it is a new command—love each other AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.

The disciples are confused and devastated at the thought of Jesus leaving them. Peter is overconfident, declares that he is ready to die for him, and that's when it happens. Jesus drops the bombshell that he would deny him three times and the room goes quiet. The disciples are scared and their hearts are troubled. Jesus tries to comfort them, but they want their questions answered. Thomas wants to know the way, but does not understand that Jesus is the way. Philip wants to see the Father, but does not understand that he has seen him in Jesus. Amidst the confusion Jesus makes a staggering promise. His disciples will do greater works in his name, but it is too much for them to understand.

## Outline

**Love is the command, Jesus is the standard, and this is the way to identify his disciples (vv. 34-35).**

**You will fail Jesus, but he won't fail you (vv. 36-38).**

**Trusting Jesus is the cure for troubled hearts (v. 1).**

**You don't have to know everything, but you do have to know Jesus to be saved (v. 6).**

**You can hang around Jesus, listen to sermons, and spend time with his people, but still not know him (v. 9).**

Faith in Jesus means there are greater works to be done through prayer in Jesus' name and in the power of the Holy Spirit (vv. 12-14).

### **Application**

Can people identify you with Jesus by the way you love others?

What does your troubled heart need to give to Jesus?

Are your prayers about your kingdom or his?

### **Questions**

1. Why does Jesus call this a new commandment in light of Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18? How does Jesus give a new standard and new power to obey?
2. What are some ways Peter missed the truth and fell into sin? (Mark 14:29; Proverbs 16:18; Luke 22:31) Why is it so hard for us to trust that Jesus will continue to forgive us?
3. When we have troubled hearts, what does this passage tell us to do? How does this give you hope?
4. How is Jesus the way of salvation? What is the truth we need to know? (1 Corinthians 15:1-4) How does Jesus give us eternal life?
5. What are the greater works that we do? How is prayer related to those works? What does it mean to pray in Jesus' name? How is your prayer life?