

Palm Sunday to Pentecost

Read 1Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:11:

Paul writes about Jesus' return in v16. How does he expand on what Jesus taught in John 14?

How should we prepare for this day?

How do we live our lives differently in light of Jesus' return?

How can you encourage one another with what you have learned in this study?

Study 5: Before He leaves the King promises to return.

Readings: John 14:1 - 7
1Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:11

On the night before Jesus' crucifixion, he wanted to encourage his disciples. Although he probably knew they would not understand then, the words he spoke would be recalled later.

Jesus would leave his disciples to return to his Father. This would be a traumatic time, but it would not last forever. Jesus promises he would return for his disciples. In the dark days ahead, this would be of great encouragement.

For us too as we face uncertain days it is of great encouragement that Jesus will return. At Pentecost we will remember the promise we will not be left alone that he will send another counsellor. But to know Jesus will return reaffirms that the victory has been won.

Read John 14:1 - 7:

As Jesus was speaking with his disciples what thoughts and feelings do you think were going through their minds?

If you look back to the end of John 13 Jesus has said he will only be with them a little longer. What was Peter's reaction?

Jesus knew their resolve would waver, despite Peter's confidence even he would disown Jesus. Given the tension what does Jesus encourage the disciples to do in John 14:1?

How important do you find focusing on God's promises and words when you feel unsettled or anxious?

How does Jesus illustrate the Father's and his commitment to his disciples?

How comforting do you find knowing Jesus is returning?

Both in John 13:36 and John 14:5 two disciples don't understand what Jesus means when he says he is going. Reading the context what does Jesus mean when he says he is going? How are they different?

What is the significance of Jesus' answer in John 14:6?

How does Jesus tie this with knowing him and the Father?
How is Jesus' response to Thomas comforting?