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In this study we look at the last of the four questions put to Jesus by his disciples – this one comes from Judas (not Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus)...

Let's start by reading ch 14 vs 21-31:

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Let's look more closely at Judas' question in v22:

“Lord, how is it that you will manifest (show) yourself to us (so that we will see), and not to the world (who will not see)?”

Where does this question come from?

Look at what Jesus has just said in v19:

v 19: **“Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me.”**

To put Judas' question in other words: “How come you are going to show yourself to us, but still keep the world in the dark?!”

This study, then, will be all about HOW Jesus is going to make his truth known to the world.

There are three parts to Jesus' answer:

Part 1: The loving, obedient community - living by Jesus' WORD

Part 2: The community filled with God's Spirit - full of TRUTH

Part 3: The believing community - convinced by the CROSS

v 31: ***"...So that the world may know that I love the Father."***

Each part forms a VITAL section in Jesus answer:

Part 1: The loving, obedient community - living by Jesus' WORD

Read vs 23-24: *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."*

What do these verses tell us about those who love Jesus?

v 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.*

- They keep Jesus' word – and are loved by the Father
- The Father and Son will make their home with them

Can you see why it is that Christian people feel so humbled?!

- In v24 Jesus effectively says: "I won't come and live with the world because the world doesn't love me and doesn't keep my word"

In summary: Jesus is going to show himself to those who love him... and those that don't love him – he will not come to them or live with them.

Therefore in Part 1, Jesus is effectively saying: "I do show myself to my people who love me."

Just look how this compares with what he said in ch 13:

ch 13 v 23: *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

Part 2: The community filled with God's Spirit - full of peace

Read ch 14 vs 25-28: *“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.”*

We need to realise that the “**you**” of v25 - the people Jesus is speaking to - are his eleven Apostles (his core group of disciples who have seen all he’s said and done).

Jesus has spoken to his Apostles whilst he is with them. But how will he speak to the eleven when he is gone?

- v26: By the Spirit – his helper.

What will the Holy Spirit do for the eleven Apostles?

v 26: *“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”*

- He will teach them “**all things**” – EVERYTHING
- Jesus emphasises this especially by saying that the Holy Spirit “***will bring to your remembrance all (everything) that I have said to you.***”

v 27: *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”*

- PEACE – is being in relationship with God!

The TRUTH that Jesus has taught his disciples will continue to be taught to them with absolute accuracy by GOD the Holy Spirit... and this TRUTH is the key to a relationship with God.

Judas’ question was about how the world will come to see what the disciples have been shown. What have we learnt so far?

Part 1: Jesus will show himself to those who love him.

Part 2: Jesus will show himself to those who love him in and through the TRUTH that he taught to the Apostles - the truth which brings PEACE with God...

And finally:

Part 3: The believing community - convinced by the Cross

Read vs 29-31: “And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.”

What is going to take place?

- Jesus is going to give himself over to Satan – for the Cross
- This will show his absolute love for the Father
- As the world sees Jesus’ love on the CROSS – so the world will come to know that he loves the Father

Part 3, then, tells us that Jesus’ love is made plain at the cross.

So how do the three parts of Jesus’ response provide an answer to Judas’ question?

Judas’ question (v22): ***“Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?”***

Jesus’ response:

- **Part 1:** “ I will show myself to my people who love me”
- **Part 2:** “The Apostles will be given ability (enabled by the Holy Spirit) to record EVERYTHING that I have said and done.”
- **Part 3:** “It is at the CROSS that you will see my love.”

So – how does the world come to love Jesus?

How does the world come into the community of his family?

- Through hearing the TRUE WORD of the CROSS.
- Through accepting the GRACE of the GIFT of the CROSS

Can you now see what it is about the CROSS that makes someone LOVE Jesus?!

What next..?

How to be productive in life...

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