



Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast
September 24, 2023
"Jesus' Final Discourse – John Chapter 14"

"Do not let your hearts be troubled." (John 14:1, NIV)

Jesus Highlights His Teachings (John 14)

In this first full chapter of His "Final Discourse" Jesus delivers a series of short teachings, and a preacher would struggle to recap all of them into a single sermon! To my thinking this chapter is a mini summary of what Christianity is all about: chapter 14 is *that* significant for Christians. Imagine, if you will, that the entire summer season of sermons at Raquette Lake Chapel is spent on John 14! Putting that thought aside, what we can do in this short, simple Sunday Blast is to highlight some significant passages. As you read these short quotations, think of Jesus' message to us:

Major Christian Foundations in John 14

- "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me." (vs. 1-4)
- "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." (vs. 5-6)
- "If you really know me, you will know my Father as well." (vs. 7-11)
- "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I have been doing." (vs. 12-14)
- "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever." (vs. 15-17)
- "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you." (vs. 18-21)
- "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them." (vs. 22-24)
- "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you." (vs. 25-27)
- "You heard me say, 'I am going away, and I am coming back to you.'" (vs. 28-31)

Here is my request (and challenge) for you:

In the points above, you'll see each quotation is taken from two or more verses. Pick one of these that jumps out at you and read the verses closely. During one of your private prayer times this week, pray for how these verses can be applied to your Christian life...and listen closely for an answer. If you have never used prayer time to listen rather than talk, this can be a challenge...but it is certainly a way to enrich your prayer life. (And keep me posted on how you found this experience!) God's Blessings and Peace! - Vance

Prayer box: let us pray for Ron and others facing surgery; pray for the souls of Manuel and Rudy (Vance's former classmates) and comfort for their families and friends. Lord, hear our prayer!