

We will begin the 14th lecture on the book of John. /Today's message is from John 16.
/The title of the chapter is "The Helper." /Here are the main points.

/First, corrupt religious men kill believers. /Verses 1-4. /Second, Jesus sends the Helper as he goes. /Verses 5-14. /Third, Jesus prophesies about the cross and resurrection. /Verses 15-24. /Fourth, Jesus says he will go to the Father. /Verses 25-31. /Fifth, take heart in tribulation. /Verses 32-33.

/Verse 1. Let us read. /"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away.

/These are the things Jesus said in the previous chapter. /It is the message from 15:18-27. /The message said that the people of the world will persecute the disciples. /In the midst of persecution, the Holy Spirit will come, and the gospel will spread.

/Jesus said these things before. /He said these things to keep our faith from falling away.

/Verse 2. /They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.

/The Lord said that people who think they serve God will put the disciples out of the synagogues. /These people are corrupt religious men. /These spiritually corrupt people will kick the disciples out of the synagogues.

/In any generation, there are corrupt religious men who persecute true believers. /Matthew 10:21-23. /The high priests and Pharisees persecuted Jesus and his disciples. /During the Middle Ages, the corrupt Roman Catholic forces persecuted religious reformers.

/This prophesies that corrupt religious men will persecute true believers in the end of days. /Revelation 13:11-18.

/Verse 3. /And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me.

/Corrupt religious men persecute true believers. /They do this because they do not know the Father or Jesus. /They do this because they do not understand the truth.

/Verse 4. /But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

/There is a high chance we will stumble when we are persecuted. /It is easy to be discouraged when we are persecuted for no reason. /That is why Jesus is teaching this fact to the disciples before it happens.

/Verses 5-6. /But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

/After Jesus dies on the cross, he will go to the Father. /Because he goes to the Father after he dies, there is joy. /However, the disciples were not joyful, for they only thought of his death.

/Jesus dying, resurrecting, and going to the Father is a truly joyful thing. /It is the way for our salvation. /It is the way for our receiving blessing. /Therefore this should not be cause for being troubled /The disciples had not yet understood the truth.

/Verse 7. /Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

/Jesus dying is actually to the disciples' advantage. /The reason is Jesus must die in order for all people to be redeemed. /Moreover, Jesus sends the Helper, the Holy Spirit, because he leaves.

/Here, the Helper means Advocate, or Defender. /By dying on the cross and resurrecting from the dead, the truth was made complete. /Through this completed truth, the Holy Spirit acts as Advocate for us.

/If Jesus hadn't gone away, the Holy Spirit, the Helper, would not have come. /The Holy Spirit is the one who works with the truth of completed redemption. /Jesus ascended to heaven. /Then, ten days later, the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost.

/The Holy Spirit was present all throughout the Old Testament times. /He worked throughout the Old Testament times to bring God's people to believe in God. /Psalm 51:11. /Furthermore, Jesus was conceived in Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit.

/John the Baptist's father was filled with the Holy Spirit when he spoke. /Luke 1:67. /Luke 2:38. /Jesus's disciples also believed in Jesus because of the Holy Spirit. /Matthew 16:16.

/Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot believe that Jesus is Lord. /1 Corinthians 12:3. /The Holy Spirit that comes after Jesus's ascension is the same Holy Spirit. /The Holy Spirit of the Old Testament is the Holy Spirit of the Trinity.

/The Holy Spirit who worked during the time of Jesus is God in the Trinity. /However, the Holy Spirit who came at Pentecost is called the Helper, the Holy Spirit. /He is the same Holy Spirit. /The Holy Spirit of the Old Testament and the Holy Spirit of the New Testament are the same God in the Trinity.

/The Holy Spirit who came at Pentecost came as the Helper. /He is the same Holy Spirit. /For example, we have a father of a household. /This father is the president of a company.

/However, when he comes home, he is a father, and to his wife, he is a husband. /He is the same person. /If he goes to work, he is called "president." /If he is at home, he is

called “father.” /His wife calls him “husband.” /Although he is called different things, he is the same person.

/In this way, the Holy Spirit of the Old Testament is the same God of the Trinity. /The Helper, the Holy Spirit, is God. /He is the same Person. /The only difference is the Helper, the Holy Spirit, comes with the role of “Helper.”

/The Helper works with Jesus’s truth of completed redemption. /When Jesus spoke, he had not yet died on the cross. /Therefore, it was before the coming of the Helper, the Holy Spirit.

/Soon, Jesus will die on the cross and rise from the dead. /The Lord will ascend into heaven. /Then the Holy Spirit will come as Helper.

/In the Old Testament times, the truth was indistinct. /During this time, people came before God with the Law and sacrificed bulls and sheep. /In the Old Testament times, the truth was implied in the written Law and in the customs. /Colossians 2:14-17.

/For this reason, the work of the Holy Spirit was weak in these times. /However, Jesus has completed the truth of redemption. /Therefore the Holy Spirit, who works with this truth, works powerfully.

/God in the Trinity is all-powerful. /The Holy Spirit of the New Testament is all-powerful. /When he comes as the Holy Spirit, the Helper, he is all-powerful. /But because the truth was hidden in the customs in the Old Testament, because it was covered under the Law, the truth was indistinct.

/Thus the Holy Spirit’s work was weak in the Old Testament times. /Now in the New Testament times, the Helper, the Holy Spirit, works powerfully. /Acts 1:8. /I will give you an example. /A pilot is flying a plane.

/He masterfully flies a propeller airplane. /He also knows how to fly a jet. /Furthermore, he knows how to fly a rocket that flies into space. /The pilot is the same person. /He knows how to fly every type of plane.

/However, he weakly flies the propeller airplane. /On the contrary, he can powerfully fly the rocket. /The same person flies both aircrafts. /But because one instrument is weak, the pilot flies it in a weak way, /and because one instrument is strong, he can work it powerfully.

/The Holy Spirit of the Old Testament is the same Holy Spirit of the New Testament. /The Helper, the Holy Spirit, works powerfully with the completed truth. /He powerfully spreads the gospel to the ends of the earth during this New Testament time.

/That is why someone like you believes in Jesus. /It is the power of the Holy Spirit, the Helper. /Now the gospel will spread to the ends of the earth. /Then after the Pentecost, which Holy Spirit did every believer receive?

/Everyone received the Helper, the Holy Spirit. /All of you have received the Helper, the Holy Spirit. /We have received the Helper, the Holy Spirit, who works with the completed truth. /We can do powerful works through the power of the Helper.

/Verse 8. /And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:

/The Holy Spirit convicts the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment. /However, non-believers do not know this. /They will be judged before God. /We who believe in Jesus have understood the truth because of the Holy Spirit.

/We have come to understand sin, righteousness, and judgment through the Holy Spirit. /Here, to “convict” means to “bring to realize sin.” It can also mean to “rebuke a wrongdoing.”

/Verse 9. /concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;

/Not believing in Jesus is a sin. /Someone who does not believe cannot be forgiven of sins, so the sin remains. /Therefore anyone who does not believe in Jesus perishes, as it is sin.

/God fulfilled the work of redemption by sending Jesus. /God sends us an invitation of salvation to believe in Jesus. /Matthew 22:2-14. /Not believing in Jesus is clearly a sin. /Disobeying the words of the Bible is also a sin.

/Verse 10. /concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;

/Because Jesus will go to God the Father, people will see him no longer. /This refers to Jesus’s death on the cross and his resurrection and ascension. /Through Jesus’s cross and resurrection, God reveals his righteousness. /Romans 3:21.

/The righteousness God gives to everyone who believes is made complete. /Romans 3:22-24. /The Holy Spirit comes and reveals the righteousness that Jesus Christ has fulfilled. /The Helper, the Holy Spirit, bears witness about it and helps us understand. /By believing, we believers are made righteous.

/Verse 11. /concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

/The ruler of the world is the devil. /Through Jesus’s cross and his resurrection, the devil loses his power. /The devil is judged. /The devil’s powers, the powers of sin and death, are broken. /Hebrews 2:14-15.

/Now, the devil cannot act as king over believers. /However, the remnants of the devil still remain, and they still apply their power. /But because the Helper, the Holy Spirit, is with us, because he guides us in the truth, we have nothing to fear.

/We are victorious with the gospel. /In the end, the devil will be thrown into the lake of fire. /Revelation 20:10.

/Verse 12. /“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

/Jesus only taught the disciples the important aspects of the truth. /Although he taught them deep, spiritual truths, the disciples did not yet understand them. /Later, they will come to understand. /Later, the Helper gives them wisdom so that they understand the truth.

/Verse 13. /When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

/Verse 13 is an important verse. /The Helper, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. /He advocates the truth for us, and he guides us into the truth. /The Helper comes and guides us into the truth. /He makes us understand the truth.

/Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot understand the true meaning of the truth. /Because he is the Spirit of truth, he guides us into the truth. /Believers! Truth that is not consistent with the Bible is not the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

/It is the work of the devil. /Anything that is inconsistent with the Bible is not truth. /The Holy Spirit guides us into the truth of the Bible. /So believers! How do we know if something is the truth?

/How do we know if it is the work of the Holy Spirit or the work of the devil? /We know by seeing if it is consistent with the words of the Bible. /If it fits with the Bible, then it is the work of the Holy Spirit.

/Jesus said, “He will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak.” /The Holy Spirit does not speak on his own authority. /He only speaks the truths he has received from the Father. /He only speaks according to the truth that Jesus fulfilled.

/The Holy Spirit also declares to us the things that are to come. /These things are written in today’s Bible. /Hebrews 1:1. /We understand the truth through the Holy Spirit.

/Verse 14. /He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

/Jesus revealed the truth, and he completed it. /The Holy Spirit works with the truth.
/Then the glory of Jesus is made known.

/Verse 15. /All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine
and declare it to you.

/Everything about the Father was made known through the Son. /Whatever belongs to the
Father belongs to the Son. /The Holy Spirit has made all these things known to us. /He
also applies the truth for us. /He makes us believe in Jesus. /He makes us understand the
truth.

/Verse 16. /“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and
you will see me.”

/Jesus teaches us that he will die and rise from the dead in three days.

/Verses 17-18. /So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to
us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see
me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” So they were saying, “What does he mean
by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.”

/The disciples did not understand the truth of the cross and resurrection. /Verse 19 says
that Jesus knew what they were asking him. /He means that he will soon die. /The Lord
will die on the cross and come back to life.

/Verse 20. /Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will
rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.

/When Jesus is nailed to the cross, the disciples will lament because they have lost their
Teacher. /They will be troubled. /However, the people of the world will think they are
victorious, and they will rejoice. /When Jesus comes back to life, the disciples will once
again rejoice.

/Verse 21. /When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come,
but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a
human being has been born into the world.

/The disciples are troubled by Jesus’s death on the cross. /However, because he resurrects
from the dead, they can rejoice again. /In this way, we are troubled when we suffer. /But
if we pray to God, God’s power will lead us through the suffering. /Then we will rejoice
again.

/Verse 22. /So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will
rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

/The joy of encountering the resurrected Jesus is a joy that no one can take away. /The verse says, “I will see you again.” /Jesus is saying he will see his disciples again after his resurrection.

/Verse 23. /In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

/After Jesus resurrects from the dead, the disciples will see the resurrected Jesus with their own eyes. /On that day, they will not have to ask about the resurrection. /Jesus also said that whatever they ask of the Father in his name, God will give it to them. /We receive everything when we ask of the Father in Jesus’s name.

/Verse 24. /Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

/Jesus completed the work of redemption with his cross, resurrection, and ascension. /Now, the disciples know that Jesus is God’s Son, the Christ. /Now, they have come to believe in him. /Now, they are able to pray in their faith.

/The disciples can receive everything through Jesus. /If we pray and ask God, he will answer our prayers. /Jesus is the mediator. /He is the mediator between God and men.

/Jesus completed the work of redemption. /Therefore he is the way to heaven, the truth, and the life. /We are able to go before God by believing in Jesus. /We pray and worship God in the name of Jesus.

/When we do this, God rejoices, and through Jesus, he gives us good gifts. /God pours his blessings on us.

/Verse 25. /“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father.

/In verse 21, Jesus talks about the woman giving birth as a figure of speech. /When it says, “The hour is coming” in verse 25, it means that the Holy Spirit will come. /The Holy Spirit will tell us plainly about the Father and about Jesus.

/Verse 26. /In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf;

/ “That day” is the day of the Pentecost. /Before the Holy Spirit came, Jesus prayed to the Father on behalf of the disciples. /After the Holy Spirit comes, the disciples will pray directly to the Father in the name of Jesus.

/Of course, even after Jesus ascends into heaven, he will be praying for us at the right hand of God. /Romans 8:34.

/Verse 27. /for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

/After Jesus's resurrection and ascension, the Holy Spirit comes. /The disciples come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, and that he is the Son of God. /Through the Holy Spirit, they come to love Jesus even more. /The Father himself loves the disciples.

/Verse 28. /I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

/Jesus is the Son of God. /He came from the Father into the world. /Now, Jesus has done what he was called to do. /The Lord will now return to the Father. /He came to the world in the first place to redeem us.

/Jesus died on the cross. /He rose again. /He resurrected from the dead. /Then Jesus ascended into heaven and returned to God the Father. /In the future, Jesus will come again. /He will return in clouds with glory.

/Verses 29-30. /His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God."

/The disciples understood the truth about Jesus. /They understood that he was going to ascend to heaven. /They also knew that the Helper, the Holy Spirit, would come.

/And Jesus will return. /The disciples completely believed that Jesus is the Christ. /They firmly believed that he came from God.

/Verse 31. /Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?"

/Jesus rejoiced in seeing his disciples believe.

/Verse 32. /Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.

/Jesus predicts the disciples fleeing when he is nailed to the cross. /The disciples, fearing death, run away when Jesus carries the cross. /They followed Jesus for three years.

/But they ran away because they feared they would die. /The disciples did not yet have a faith that did not fear death. /They lacked faith. /However, Jesus did not think he was alone.

/Jesus believed that the Father is with him. /The disciples may have ran away, but Jesus was not disappointed. /The Lord did not think he was alone. /He was confident in knowing that God the Father was with him.

/Jesus only relied on God. /Though people betrayed him, the Lord did not hate them. /We too must not rely on people. /We must not look to people, but we must look to God and trust in him. /Our God is God Immanuel. /He is with us till the very end, and he protects us.

/Verse 33. /I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

/Jesus told his disciples not to be troubled in 14:1. /He had taught them beforehand. /Now, troubles and tribulation will come. /15:18-25. /Also, Jesus will die and rise again.

/Jesus will ascend to heaven, and the Holy Spirit, the Helper, will come. /Jesus taught these things to the disciples. /He told them these things before they happened to give them peace.

/No one can take this peace away from us. /No matter what hardship may come, we have true peace and consolation. /Jesus said, “In the world you will have tribulation.” /Jesus told them to take heart. /He said he has overcome the world.

/We believers will face tribulation. /However, do not be afraid. /Jesus overcame tribulation. He overcame the world. /Jesus overcame sin and death. /He conquered the devil’s power.

/Jesus has already overcome every difficulty and trial that we will encounter. /If we are in Jesus, we will overcome every test and hardship. /Therefore let us trust in Jesus. /Let us look to Jesus.

/We will be victorious as long as we follow Jesus, who is the King of kings. /Then, with the power of God, we will overcome every tribulation and trial. /Romans 8:35-39.

/This concludes our 14th lecture on the book of John. /Thank you.