

Jn 14:1-12; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9 Fully Alive in Him

The world was about to come crashing down...when they see Jesus crucified and He dies on the cross. So, at the Last Supper, Jesus said: *Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me* (Jn 14:1).

But their hearts will be greatly troubled. Jesus will be crucified. And, what about us? How can Jesus assure us not to be troubled? Does He not realize what is happening all around us?

But Jesus assures us that there is a better life yet to come: *In my Father's house there are many dwelling places* (Jn 14:2). And, Jesus has prepared a place for us.

So, Jesus is coming at the end of time or at the moment of our death, to take us to Himself, so that where He is (in heaven) we also may be (Jn 14:3).

Jesus says: *you know the way*. Thomas says: *how can we know the way?* And Jesus says: *I am the way and the truth and the life* (Jn 14:6).

Jesus is the *Way* because: *No one comes to the Father except through [Him]* (Jn 14:6). The destination is God. Jesus is the way to God. And only by living a life in conformity with Jesus, can we hope to arrive at God.

So, conform your life to Jesus. Like He said, *come, follow me* (Mt 4:19). *Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me* (Mt 16:24).

Follow Him...in His love, His compassion, His forgiveness, His healing, His meek and humble heart, and in His giving and sacrificing His life for our salvation.

Because He truly lived the beatitudes and the law of all laws: *Love one another as I love you* (Jn 15:12).

Jesus is the *Truth* because He reveals the truth about God. In fact, Jesus says: *Whoever has seen me has seen the Father* (Jn 14:9). In other words, if you want to know what God is like, just look at Jesus.

Jesus shows us that God is love because He heals the sick, feeds the hungry, gives sight to the blind and dies on that cross out of love for us.

Jesus shows us that God is all-powerful when He walks on water, cures the sick and multiplies the loaves and fish.

And, Jesus shows us that God is forgiving when He hung on the cross and said: *Father, forgive them, [for] they know not what they do* (Mt 23:34).

Jesus is the *Life* because if we follow His way and we know His truth, then we will live forever. Not only that, but we will be fully alive in this life right now!

How? Jesus said: *I am the bread of life* (Jn 6:35), and *whoever eats this bread will live forever* (Jn 6:51).

So, when we eat His body and drink His blood in the Holy Eucharist, the life-giving Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ comes to live—body and blood, soul and divinity—inside of us.

And then, there is no stopping us from becoming fully alive in Jesus Christ!

So, let us become fully alive by becoming the *way* for others.

Like the second reading says: God has chosen us to be *a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ* (1 Pt 2:5).

That means instead of selfishness, we must be self-giving. And, instead of doing whatever we want, we must live a life of moral righteousness.

Let us become fully alive by becoming the *truth* for others. Like Jesus said: the words He spoke and the works He did, were done by God the Father who dwells in Him (Jn 14:10).

What about us? By the words we speak and the works we do, can we show the world that they are done by Jesus Christ who dwells in us? I say “Yes.”

Because Jesus made us a promise: *Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these* (Jn 14:12).

All we have to do is ask: *whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son* (Jn 14:13).

Let me ask you this: Jesus healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, drove out demons, and fed the hungry. How can we do greater works than these?

Because as the Body of Christ (The Church) we can do these works in His name but in a much larger scale. Now we can reach out to the whole world.

Not only that. Know this: these “greater works” are still Jesus’ works. Only now they are accomplished by Jesus, through His Holy Spirit, working in us.

And, let us become fully alive by becoming the *life* for others. How? Jesus said, *You are the light of the world* (Mt 5:14)...

*...Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father* (Mt 5:16).

So, let’s become that light that shines in the darkness, that draws others to Jesus. Let us raise people from the dead...dead in their sins...into everlasting life with Jesus in heaven.

We can do that by showing them Jesus in us. Not just imitating Jesus. But by becoming Jesus.

Jesus revealed God. Because like He said, *I am in the Father and the Father is in me* (Jn 14:11).

Now its our turn.

May we reveal Jesus, because, *[we] live no longer [us], but Christ lives in [us]* (Gal 2:20), and we live, fully alive, now and forever, in Him!