

The Last Word

A passage from John Chapter 14 recounts a dialog that took place on *Yeshua's* last day on earth as *Messiah Ben Joseph*, on Aviv 14, right after *Yeshua's* Seder and before His death. What did *Yeshua* share with his disciples just before His death? He knew His time was at hand and so I believe He chose His words carefully. If you knew you were going to die later today, what would you share with your family and friends in the short time available? I know what I would share, don't you? I would share what is *most important* for them to hear from me before I am gone. I would choose my words carefully and would want them to consider carefully whatever I had to say. Imagine yourself being there, a fly on the wall, listening to what *Yeshua* said to the eleven. Wait a minute! We do have a record of what was said:

"1'Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 2In My Father's house are many dwelling places ; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. 4And you know the way where I am going.' 5Thomas said to Him, 'Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?' 6Yeshua said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life ; no one comes to the Father but through Me. 7If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also ; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him' 8Philip said to Him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us. 9Yeshua said to him, 'Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10'Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. 11Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves. 12Verily, Verily, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father. 13Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. 15If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. 16I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper; that He may be with you forever; 17that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. 18I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. 20In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him'. 22Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, 'Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?' 23Yeshua answered and said to 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 abode with him. 24He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me. 25These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. 26But 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 said to you. 27Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. 28You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe. 30I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me; 31but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here. (John 14)

Twenty years ago I would drive with the radio on, usually on the only Christian station around, 88.3FM WTLG in Starke. WTLG identified their station each hour, on the hour, always with a Scripture verse. I looked forward to hearing twice or three times per day this familiar passage: *"Do not let your heart be troubled... 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life ; no one comes to the Father but through Me'" glorifying Jesus, WTLG 88.3, Starke/Gainesville, Florida.*" I no longer drive with the radio on, and I do not know if WTLG still does this, nevertheless, I fully remember thanking God for WTLG's messages from Scripture not knowing this was part of *Yeshua's last message to His disciples.*

If you accept *Yeshua's last message* as being truly important, then we need *Another Helper* and we need to *ask the Father in Yeshua's Name for this gift*. Why? Because we need to remember His words and we need to know things before they happen. *¹⁶I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you...²⁶But 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 said to you... ²⁹Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe. ³⁰I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me; ³¹but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here."* Scripture confirms for us that: *"We have not because we ask not?" (Jas.4:2)*. For sure *Yeshua* knows we need *His Spirit with us*, and we need it badly. Let us be honest with *Messiah Yeshua* and say *Lord, thou knoweth*. I want to raise the expectation for *Shavout* that *WE in Kol Simcha* need everything *Yeshua* purchased for us. We need to admit to ourselves and to Him that we need *Another Helper*, exactly like He said we needed. Do you agree? I pray it be so... Let us appropriate a resurrection experience and let us together go and change the world! *Shabbat Shalom!*