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36 Simon Peter now asked him, "Lord, where is it that you are
going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going you cannot go with
37 me now. You will not follow me until later."—"Lord," Peter in-
sisted, "why can I not go with you now? I am ready to lay down
38 my life for you." Jesus replied, "You say you are ready to lay
down your life for me? I tell you that the cock will not crow before
you have disowned me three times."

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1 Then, again addressing all the disciples, he continued, "Do not
be discouraged. Have confidence in God, and you will also have
2 confidence in me. In my Father's house there are many dwellings.
If it were not so, I would have told you. And because I am going
3 there now, I shall have a place prepared for you; and when I have
been there and prepared a place for you, I shall come back and
4 take you with me, so that you too may be where I am. You know
5 where I am going, and you also know the way there." At this,
Thomas, known as "the Twin" said to Jesus, "Lord, we do not know
6 where you are going; how should we know the way there?"—"I
am the way, the truth, and the life," answered Jesus. "No one comes
7 to the Father except through me. If you really knew me you would
know my Father also. From now on you will know Him, because
8 you have seen Him."—"Lord," said Philip, "show us the Father,
9 and we shall be content. Jesus answered him, "After all this time
that I have been with you, do you not yet recognize me, Philip? He
who has seen me has also seen the Father. Then how can you say,
10 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in communion
with the Father, and the Father with me? The words that I spoke to
you I did not speak of my own accord; the Father Himself, Who is
in constant communication with me, speaks and works through me.
11 Yes, you may believe that there is a close communion between me
and the Father, and between the Father and me; and if you are not
willing to believe my words, at least believe because of the deeds
12 themselves. I assure you that whoever believes in me will have the
power to do the same deeds that I do, and even greater deeds; for I
13 am going to the Father. And whatever you ask in my name, I will
grant, so that the Father may be honored in the Son. If you love
15 me, abide by my commands. Then I will ask the Father, and He
16 will give you another helper to be with you in the future. That
17 helper is the spirit-world of truth. The world cannot receive it,
because it neither sees nor knows the spirit-world. But you will know
it, for it will remain with you and enter into communion with you.

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18 I shall not leave you fatherless, but I shall come back to you. A
19 little while longer and the world will see me no more. But you will
20 see me; for I shall be living, and you will obtain life too. When
that day comes you will see that I live in close communion with the
Father, and that you live in a like communion with me, and I with
21 you. He who knows my commands and abides by them is he who
loves me; and he who loves me will likewise be loved by my Father.
And I also will love him and will so manifest myself to him that he
22 may be aware of my presence." Judas (not the one from Carriot)
now asked him, "Lord, why will you show yourself only to us, and
23 not to the world?" Jesus answered, "If any one loves me he will
live according to my teachings, and my Father will show His love
24 for Him. I myself will come and take up my abode with him. He
who does not love me does not hold fast to my teachings. True, the
doctrine that you hear from me is not my own, but that of the
25 Father Who sent me, as I have always told you ever since I have
been with you.
26 "After me will come the helper, the holy spirit-world which the
Father will send in my name, to teach you everything else and to
27 recall to you all that I have said. I leave you peace; I give you my
own peace. It is not what the world knows as peace that I give you.
28 Do not be discouraged and despondent. You have heard me tell you
that I am going away but that I am coming back to you. If you
loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because
29 the Father is greater than I. Now I have told you of this before it
happens, so that when it does happen you may remain steadfast in
30 your faith. There is not much more that I can say to you, for the
ruler of this world is approaching; but he cannot find anything in
31 me that pertains to him. And I am left at his mercy for the sole
purpose of letting the world know that I love the Father and that I
do everything as the Father has directed me.

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1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-dresser. He re-
2 moves every one of my branches that does not bear fruit, and He
cleans every bearing branch, so that it may bear even more abundant
3 and better fruit. You are already clean by virtue of my teachings.
4 Remain in me, then, as I will remain in you. Just as a branch can-
not bear fruit by itself if it is severed from the vine, so you also can-
5 not bear fruit unless you remain united with me. For I am like the
vine, and you are like its branches. If any one remains united with
me, and I with him, he will bear fruit in abundance. But severed

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6 from me, you can do nothing. Whoever severs himself from me is
thrown aside like a branch that is cut off, and withers; and such
withered branches are gathered and thrown into the fire, where they
7 are burned. If you remain united with me and hold fast to my teach-
8 ings, you may ask what you will and it will be given to you. It
would redound to my Father's glory if you were to bear abundant
9 fruit and prove yourselves my true disciples. As the Father has
10 loved me, so I have loved you. Continue in your love for me. If
you abide by my commands you will continue in your love for me,
just as I, obedient to my Father's commands, continue in my love
11 for Him. I have told you this in order that I might find my joy in
12 you and that your own joy might thereby be made perfect. This is
13 my command: that you love one another as I have loved you. He
who has the greatest love is he who lays down his life for his friends;
14 and you are my friends if you do my bidding. I no longer call you
15 my servants, for a servant is not told what his master is doing. I
have called you my friends, because I have made known to you
16 everything that I have heard from my Father. It was not you who
chose me but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear
fruit, lasting fruit, so that the Father may grant you everything that
17 you ask Him in my name. Above all I earnestly enjoin you, love
one another!

18 "If the world hates you, remember that it hated me before it hated
19 you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its
own; but because you do not belong to the world, but were chosen
20 out of the world by me, it hates you. Do not forget my words to
you: 'The servant is not greater than his master.' If they have
persecuted me, they will persecute you also; and if they have not
21 heeded my words, they will not heed yours. On my account alone
they will take this attitude toward you, for they do not know Him
22 Who sent me. If I had not come and preached to them, they would
not have been guilty of sin; but as it is, they can offer no defence
23 for the sins that they have committed. He who hates me hates my
24 Father also. If I had not done deeds among them such as no one
before me was able to do, they would have incurred no sin; but they
have seen all these deeds with their own eyes, and yet they have
25 hated both me and my Father. Nevertheless, this was bound to
occur in fulfillment of the words of their Law: 'They hated me
26 without cause.' But when the helper comes whom I shall send to
you from the Father, the spirit-world of truth which comes from the
27 Father's kingdom, this will testify for me. And you also are wit-
nesses on my behalf, for you have been with me from the beginning.

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1 "I have told you all this so that you will not falter in your con-
2 viction. For you will be put under the ban, and indeed the time will
3 come when any one who kills you will think he is doing God a
4 service. They will treat you in this way because they know neither
5 the Father nor me. But I have foretold these things to you so that
6 you may remember my words when that hour comes. I have not
7 spoken of them previously, because I was still with you; but now
8 I must speak, because I am going to Him Who sent me. And not one
9 among you asks me, 'Where are you going?'—but your hearts are
10 full of sadness because of what I have told you. But truly, my going
11 away is for your own good; for unless I go, the helper will not come
12 to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes he will
13 open the eyes of the world to sin, to righteousness, and to God's
14 judgment: to sin, which weighs upon them because they do not
15 believe in me; to righteousness, because I, as a pattern of righteous-
16 ness, am going to the Father, and you will see me no more; to God's
17 judgment, which will then have been passed upon the ruler of this
18 world.

19 "I have much more to say to you, but you cannot bear it now.
20 But when those spirits of truth have come, they will guide you along
21 the right path in all matters pertaining to the truth. They will not
22 speak of their own accord but will tell you only those things which
23 they themselves hear, and will impart to you whatever may be for
24 your good. They will uphold my honor, for they will take what is
25 mine and communicate it to you. Everything that the Father has is
26 mine also. That is why I said that they would take what is mine
27 and communicate it to you.

28 "In a little while you will not see me any more, and a little while
29 later you will see me again; for I am going to the Father." Upon
30 this some of the disciples asked one another, "What can he mean
31 when he says 'In a little while you will not see me any more; and a
32 little while later, you will see me again'? and 'I am going to the
33 Father'? What does he mean by 'In a little while'? We do not
34 understand these words." Jesus saw that they wanted to question
35 him, and so he said to them, "You are asking each other what I
36 meant by saying, 'In a little while you will not see me any more;
37 and a little while later you will see me again.' I can tell you only
38 this: You will weep and lament, while the world will rejoice; you
39 will be sad, but your sadness will be turned into joy. When a
40 woman is with child she grows anxious as soon as the day of her

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confinement comes; but after she has given birth to the child, she forgets her pains in her joy over having brought a child into the
22 world. So too you are now full of sorrow, but when I see you again later, your hearts will be filled with a joy that no one can take from
23 you. On that day of rejoicing you will make no request whatsoever of me; for be assured that the Father will grant whatever you ask
24 for as my disciples. Hitherto you have never asked Him for anything as my disciples. But now ask in this way and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

25 "So far I have spoken to you in parables, but the time is coming when I shall no longer speak to you in parables, but shall teach
26 you in plain words about the Father. Then you will ask of Him as my disciples, and I shall no longer need to lay your pleas before
27 the Father; for the Father loves you Himself, because you have loved me and steadfastly believed that I came from the Father.
28 I came into the world, and now I am leaving the world and returning to the Father."

29 His disciples said, "Now you are speaking plainly and not in a
30 parable. And now we understand why it is that you know everything and that no one need even put a question to you. This makes
31 us believe that you did come from God." Jesus answered them,
32 "You believe now? But the time is coming—it has already come—when you will all be scattered, each of you intent only on his own welfare, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the
33 Father is with me. I have told you this in order that you may strive for that peace which can be found only in communion with me. In the world you will indeed have to endure outward distress; but courage! I have conquered the world."

CHAPTER 17.

1 When he had finished speaking, Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Thy Son that Thy Son
2 may glorify Thee. Thou hast given him power over all creation in order that all whom Thou hast entrusted to him may have life hereafter. And the way to the life hereafter is to acknowledge Thee as the only true God, and Jesus as the Messiah whom Thou hast sent
3 into this world. I have appeared here on earth in behalf of Thy glory; I have finished the work that Thou gavest me to do. And
4 now, Father, restore to me the glory that I had with Thee before the world existed. I have made known Thy name to these men whom
5 Thou gavest me from the world. They were Thine, and Thou gavest them to me, and they have obeyed Thy word. Now they know that
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everything that Thou hast conferred upon me comes from Thee.
8 For the teachings that Thou hast imparted to me, I have in turn
imparted to them. They have accepted them and have seen in truth
that I came from Thee; and they have the firm conviction that it
9 is Thou Who hast sent me. I pray for them; not for the world, but
10 for those whom Thou hast given me, for they are Thine. All that
is mine belongs to Thee, and all that is Thine to me, and thereby
11 Thou hast glorified me. I am to be in the world no longer, but they
must remain in the world, while I come to Thee. And even though
I shall no longer remain on earth in the flesh, I shall remain on
earth in another way. Holy Father, keep true to Thy teachings those
whom Thou hast given me, that they may be one as we are one.
12 While I was with them, I kept them true to Thy word, and watched
over them. Not one has been lost, except the son of perdition, and
13 this happened in order that the Scriptures might be fulfilled. Now I
am coming to Thee, and I speak these words here on earth only that
14 the joy which is mine may be fully shared by them also. I have im-
planted Thy truth in their hearts. Because they did not come from
15 the world, the world has hated them. I do not pray that Thou wilt
take them out of the world, but that Thou wilt keep them from the
16 Evil One; for they belong to the world as little as I belong to the
17 world. Consecrate them through the truth: Thy word is truth. As
18 Thou didst send me into the world, so have I sent them into the
19 world. For their sakes I consecrate myself, so that by following the
truth they also may be consecrated.
20 "Nor do I pray for them alone, but also for those who come to
21 believe in me through their preaching. Grant that they all may be-
come one, as Thou, Father, art one with me, and I with Thee, so
that they may enter into the same communion with us, and that the
22 world may know that Thou hast sent me. I have given them the
23 glory that Thou gavest me, that they may be one as we are one: I
united with them, and Thou with me, so that they may attain the
highest perfection of unity. By this the world shall know that Thou
didst send me, and that I have loved them as Thou hast loved me.
24 Father, I wish those whom Thou gavest me to be with me where I
am, so that they may witness the glory that Thou hast conferred
upon me; for Thou didst love me before the foundation of the
25 world. O just Father, the world has not known Thee, but I have
known Thee, and these men have also understood that Thou didst
26 send me. I have made known Thy name to them, and I will also make
it known in the future, so that the love with which Thou hast loved
me may remain in them, and I among them. — Rise, and let us go."