John 14: The Bridegroom

Lesson Theme: Jesus' Greatest Comfort to His Church

Hosea 11:4-

"I drew them with gentle cords, With bands of love, And I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck. I stooped and fed them."

John 14:1-14: In My Father's House

1. Let not your heart be troubled! Jesus is on the throne. (John 14:1)

Psalm 103:19-

The Lord has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all.

2. Jesus has gone away to prepare a place for us in His Father's house. He will come again and bring us to where He is—in the Father's house in heaven. (John 14:2-3)

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Matthew 25:6, 10b-

"And at midnight a cry was *heard*: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!"
"...the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut."

Song of Songs 3:11—
Go forth, O daughters of Zion,
And see King Solomon with the crown
With which his mother crowned him
On the day of his wedding,
The day of the gladness of his heart.

- 3. Saving faith in Jesus Christ is the only way to the Father's House. (John 14:4-6) 1 Corinthians 15:1-4: John 3:3
- 4. Jesus and the Father are One (The Holy Spirit also in v. 16). (John 14:7-11) Genesis 1:1—

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

יָבֵראשִׁית בָּרָא <mark>אֱלֹהִים</mark> אֵת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֵת הָאָרֶץ (Hebrew: "<mark>Elohim</mark>" plural for God)

Deuteronomy 6:4-

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!"

שְׁמֵע יִשְׂרָאֵל יָהוָה <mark>אָחָד (Hebrew: "Elohim</mark>" plural for God; "<mark>Ehad</mark>" One)

5. Jesus is glorified when we ask for Him to "come." (Remember the context of this chapter is the Bridegroom bringing us to the Father's house) (John 14:12-14) Revelation 22:17—

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

John 14:15-31: Another Helper—the Spirit of Truth

- 6. Jesus will give us His Spirit—the Spirit of Truth—to be with us forever. We are children of God. (John 14:15-18)
- 7. Jesus will manifest Himself to those who are His. (John 14:19-24) 1 John 2:28-3:3
- 8. The Holy Spirit will teach us the things we need while we wait for Jesus to come. (John 14:25-26)

1 John 2:27-

But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

9. Jesus gives us His peace—the promise that He will return and take us to Himself. That is the peace of God. (John 14:27-31)

Titus 2:13-

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Conclusion:

- This world is not our home. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are citizens of heaven. We are waiting for the glorious Day when Jesus comes to take us to the Father's house to be with Him forever.
- This is the blessed hope of the believer. This is the hope that carries us through the
 difficulties of this world. When we hold on to our blessed hope, we have peace that
 surpasses anything this world could ever give us. We have the peace of an eternal
 physical place with God. And the ruler of this world can never take that away from
 us.