

QUESTIONS:

“Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me?”

John 14:6-14 (ESV)

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “**Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever 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 authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Jesus’ statement, “Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father,” is one of the most staggering claims He ever made. The Father is in Jesus and Jesus perfectly reveals Him.

Jesus offers the disciples proof of His union with the Father. (10-11)

The first proof was His very **words**...

He says “..the words that I say to you..”

The second proof was His **works**..

He says, “..believe on account of the works themselves.”

Jesus gives an amazing declaration..

¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

Jesus makes an amazing promise..

¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
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Jesus was talking about the power we need to carry out His works. So when we are in the middle of doing God’s works, Jesus will give us whatever we need to carry out His works.

To ask in Jesus’ name implies that we are in tune with Jesus’ heart, with His head, and with His will.

We must ask according to Jesus’ **heart**, that is His passion.

We must ask according to His **head**, that is His mind (how He thinks).

We ask in His name according to His **will**, that is, we must want what the Father wants.

REFLECTION:

- * Am I passionate about what Jesus is passionate about in my prayers?
- * Do I seek the mind of Christ and think as He thinks when I pray?
- * Do I want what the Father wants when I pray?