# The Instructive Role of the Spirit

*John 14:24-26*

**Background**

* Upper Room Discourse. This is Thursday night. The next day, Jesus will be killed.
* Jesus gives them incredible promises—a room in His Father’s House; eternal heaven; all of heaven’s resources are available here and now; ask and it will be given if it’s according to His will and in His name; He will provide; The promise of the trinity indwelling them forever.

**Key Text**

**Jn 14:24-26**—He 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. 25“These 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.

3 Truths on the Illuminating Role of the Holy Spirit

1. The greatest gift God has given to us is the truth

A. His Word is Truth.

**Exodus 34:6**—Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;

**Psalm 119: 142**—Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your law is truth.

**Ps 119:151**—You are near, O Lord, And all Your commandments are truth.

**Zech 8:3**—Thus says the Lord, ‘I will return to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the Lord of hosts will be called the Holy Mountain.’

**Jn 16:7**—But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

**Jn 17:17**—Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

**Jn 7:17-18**—If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or *whether* I speak from Myself. 18He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

**Jn 8:41**—You are doing the deeds of your father.” They said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father: God.”

B. He is The Spirit of Truth (Jn 14:17; Jn 16:13; Jn 15:26).

1. He will teach you all things, v 26.

**1 Cor 1:21**--For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not *come to* know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

**2 Tim 3:7**--always learning and never able to come to the [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+tim+3%3A7&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29861a)]knowledge of the truth.

**1 Tim 2:4**--who desires all men to be saved and to come to the [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+tim+2%3A4&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29721a)]knowledge of the truth.

**Jn 2:22**—So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

**Jn 12:16**—These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

**Jn 16:12**—I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now.

1. The Holy Spirit allowing the Disciples to minister to all future believers in the writing of the New Testament.

**1 Jn 2:19-21**—They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, so that [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Jn+2%3A19&version=NASB#fen-NASB-30570a)]it would be shown that they all are not of us. 20But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. 21I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20John+2&version=NASB#fen-NASB-30572f)]because no lie is of the truth.

1. He abides in us and teaches us truth.

**1 Jn 2:27**—As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

1. The spirit teaches us just a Christ taught them—He explains the meaning of Scripture (cf. Luke 24).

**Luke 24:27**—Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

**Luke 24:44**—Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

1. The Spirit’s Ministry (anointing) in our lives is to teach us the meaning of Scripture.

**Jn 15:26**—“When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me

**Jn 16:14**—He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

1. The Spirit Points to Christ.

**Heb 1:1-2**—God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=heb+1&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29966c)]world.

**2 Pet 1:21**—for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

1. Scripture is Divine Revelation, v. 26.

**Acts 11:16**—And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’

**Acts 20:35**—In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

**Jn 11:49-51**—But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all, 50nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish.” 51Now he did not say this on his own initiative, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation

**Ex 4:10**—Then Moses said to the Lord, “Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ex+4%3A10&version=NASB#fen-NASB-1612b)]recently nor in time past, nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.”

**Deut 18:18**—I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I *command* him.

**Matt 5:18**—For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matt+5%3A18&version=NASB#fen-NASB-23253a)]the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

**Jn 10:35**—If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken)

**2 Peter 3:15**—and regard the patience of our Lord *as* salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you