

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 6: 1-7.

Inspired by the Spirit, the young community of believers in Jerusalem grows in number and in organization. Seven men are selected as deacons to assist the apostles.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4-9.

The Christian believers are like living stones which make up the holy temple of God. This is grace as well as responsibility.

Gospel: John 14: 1-12.

Jesus leaves the apostles, yet remains closer to them than ever before.



Points for Reflection

In his farewell address in today's Gospel, Jesus intimates to his disciples his impending departure. He speaks of his death. They are full of sadness and disquiet at Jesus' words about leaving them.

- But he consoles them that his departure (his death and resurrection) will redound to their benefit: he will prepare "dwelling places" for them in the Father's house.
- Moreover, it is by his going away that the Holy Spirit will come, sent by the Father as their consoler.
- Jesus shares with his disciples a "secret": the "way" to the Father, that is, the way to be one with God here on earth and in the heavenly kingdom is none other than through him who is *"the way and the truth and the life"*. The focus here is on "life". The forth Gospel harps on the theme of Jesus as the giver of life. If we truly want to live life to the full, the kind of life that the Father desires and preserves, then we must follow "the way" of Jesus: we should imitate him.
- How, therefore, should Jesus' disciples live from then on? He has already given them a new commandment: that they love one another as he has loved them. This is how people will know that they are his disciples (*"that they do the works that he does"*): their love for one another (John 13: 34-35).

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Kids' Corner

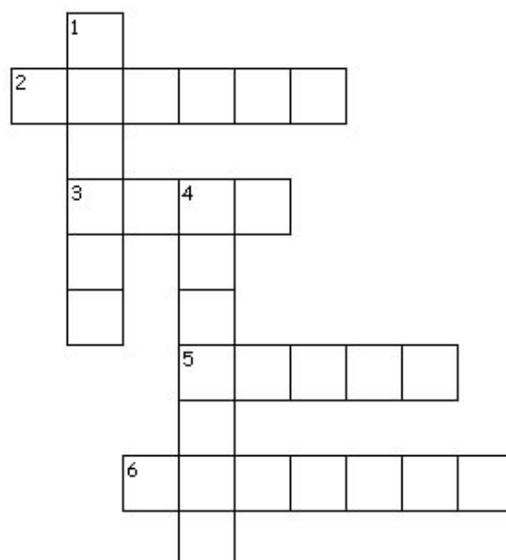
Complete the puzzle below.

Across

2. This disciple wanted Jesus to show them the way.
3. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the ____."
5. Jesus said, "In my Father's _____ there are many dwelling places."
6. Jesus told His disciples that He was going to _____ a place for them.

Down

1. This disciple asked Jesus to show them the Father.
4. Jesus told the disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my _____."



4/20/08 - John 14:1-12 *"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places."*

Answers at: http://www.catholicmom.com/2008_crossword/04.20.08cw.htm