

“Pure”

John 14:1-6

Intro: VIDEO - “Ducks Struggling”

A mallard’s metaphorical message from our mess AND our Messiah!

Can you see yourself as one of those ducks???

1. **The Context:** John 13 (impact)
 - a. Ducks = Dazed & Confused...
 - b. Deceived = misled, misinformed, misguided
 - c. Disciples = about to be totally devastated...
 - Night before Calvary...
 - Jesus demonstrates HIS PURE Love...
 - Washing feet
 - Dismissing Judas
 - Confront & Comfort Peter...

2. **The Condition:** John 13 (insights)
 - a. Ducks = has no idea its on an escalator
 - b. Deceived = lost & loving it... “clueless”
 - c. Disciples = need to repent, receive, believe!

T/S: Notice Jesus demonstrated sacrificial, loving servitude... followed by confrontational truthing in love, followed by commanding His disciples to demonstrate their

allegiance to Him by loving one another *“as I have loved you.”* Next, Jesus comforts & confronts Peter... even though He is heading for Calvary!

3. **The Compassion:** John 14:1a

“Do not let your heart be troubled;

- a. Ducks = people close by but laughing...
- b. Deceived = false security at best... WORRY
- c. Disciples = fear NO ONE & NO-THING!

TROUBLED = disturbed...

- Same word used to describe the disciple’s condition when they saw Jesus walking on the water (**Matthew 14:26**)... there the word is translated “terrified.” NOTE: Mark 6:50 records: “...But immediately He spoke with them and said to them, ‘Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid.’”
- **Luke 24:38...** *“And He said to them, ‘Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?’”*
- **1 Peter 3:14...** *“But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED.”*
- **READ Galatians 1:7... then 1:6-9 for**

full context!

- **Galatians 5:10...** *“I have confidence in you in the Lord that you will adopt no other way; but the one who is disturbing you will bear his judgment, whoever he is.”*
- **Acts 17:8&13** = those *“trouble-makers”* who work against God’s people & purposes (we have plenty today as well – many who disguise themselves in the putrid, sinfully stained robes of religion!)

4. **The Command:** John 14:1b&c

...believe in God, believe also in Me.

- a. Ducks = lost their sense of direction...
- b. Deceived = lost & under devilish direction...
- c. Disciples = living & loving divine disciplines

“heart” = (**ALL-in**) – *“believe”* = (**All-in**)
“troubled” (**All-done**)

Re-Cap Christ’s GREAT Commandments, Commission, & Calling
(ALL Christians):

1. Love the Lord your God with ALL... heart, soul, mind, strength
2. Love your neighbor as yourself...
3. Go make disciples... ALL nations... teaching them to OBEY ALL...
4. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes... You will be MY WITNESSES... locally, regionally,

globally

Unpack these just a bit...

- a. To love Me is to obey My commandments...
- b. Why do you call Me Lord but do not obey?
- c. To love your neighbor as yourself is to serve them with truth in love...
- d. "I did not come to be served but to serve..."
- e. 1 John 2:6... "you must WALK as Jesus walked..."
- f. You can't make disciples unless you are a disciple...
- g. "If you are not willing to pick up your cross daily and follow Me, you are not worthy to be my disciple."
- h. "Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord... but I will say...'"
- i. What about those who insist the biblical call to "obey ALL" that Jesus commanded is "over the top?"
 - 2 Timothy 3:16
 - "...you will know them by their fruit..."
 - Jude 3-5... "contend/fight for the faith"
 - 1 John 2: "
 - Beware the wolves in sheep's clothing - ravenous within
 - Be as shrewd as a serpent & as gentle as a dove...
 - Titus 1:11
 - Galatians 1:6-9
- j. How does that mesh with "being Christ's witnesses?"
 - Ephesians 4:15
 - Remember... Jesus called the true Church... His BRIDE!
 - John 17:21...

- 1 Corinthians 13... “without love I am nothing...”
- Rev. 2-3: 7 churches.... “he who has ears...”

Remember the number of amazing transformations listed in Scripture of those who did Know, Love, Trust, & Live in-Christ (O.T. looking to the Christ to come; N.T. the Christ who walked among...; Today... the Christ that hung)

- Read Hebrews 11 for O.T.
- Note Paul, Peter, T.C.’s, Prostitute, Woman at well...
- Today: “me” & every other truly saved sinner

5. **The Comfort:** John 14:2

In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

- a. Ducks = blown all over by the winds...
- b. Deceived = blown all over by the world...
- c. Disciples = bowed down in worship...

VIDEO: “Just For You”

6. **The Confidence:** John 14:3a

If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself,

- a. Ducks = it's every duck for itself...
- b. Deceived = their daddy is the devil...
- c. Disciples = like the little boy on the corner...

7. **The Connection:** John 14:3b

...that where I am, there you may be also.

- a. Ducks = notice how they try to stay close
- b. Deceived = "go to church < come to Christ"
- c. Disciples =

8. **The Confirmation:** John 14:4

And you know the way where I am going."

- a. Ducks = they know nothing...
- b. Deceived = they think they know everything
- c. Disciples =

9. **The Confusion:** John 14:5

Thomas *said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"

- a. Ducks =

- b. Deceived =
- c. Disciples =

Sermon Slide: "COEXIST"

10. **THE Christ!** John 14:6

Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

- a. Ducks = No chance against the heron...
- b. Deceived = No chance of avoiding hell...
- c. Disciples = No chance of losing hope/heaven
BECAUSE of who Jesus IS...

A. Gospel of John: (7) metaphorical - I Am's

- 1. "Bread of Life" = 6:35, 48, 51
- 2. "Light of the world" = 8:12; 9:5
- 3. "Door of the sheep" = 10:7, 9
- 4. "Good Shepherd" = 10:11, 14
- 5. "Resurrection/Life" = 11:25
- 6. "the way, truth, life" = 14:6
- 7. "the true Vine" = 15:1

"...the way"

- NOTE: Christianity/Christians was known as "the Way" or "people of the Way" in the early, early days of the Church before the people in Antioch started using the term "Christians"...

SERMON SLIDE: god, gods, God

0	=	No God... or ALL is god
1	=	One god... (wrong god)
111111	=	Many gods... (no gods)
t -	=	Jesus "lite"
t +	=	Jesus "plus"
- t +	=	Jesus customized / changed
?t?	=	Jesus "WHO?"
t	=	True Christ/true Christianity/true Church

- **Acts 19:9...** "But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, He withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus."
- **Acts 19:23...** "About that time there occurred no small disturbance concerning the Way."
 - *** Note: our Way is opposite of popular and politically correct!
 - *** Note: **"To walk in 'the Way' is to walk UP... on the DOWN Escalator of the world."** - JDP
- Saul/Paul HUNTED & persecuted people of the way
- **Acts 9:2** (authorized "Way-Slayer" – see grace)

- Why only ONE way? **VIDEO: “ONE WAY”**
- John the Baptist showed you the way but only the sinners accepted the truth... you religious people rejected him/it... (**Matt. 21:32**)
- **2 Peter 2:21**... it would have been better for them to have not known, than to know and push away God’s truth...
- **MATTHEW 22:16**... “...WE KNOW YOU ARE TEACHING TRUTH AND THAT YOU ARE IMPARTIAL TO ANY/ALL PEOPLE...”
- **Acts 18:25-26** = Apollos knew the way but Priscilla & Aquilla taught him “the way of God more accurately”
- **Hebrews 3:10** / Isaiah... (contrast “the way” vs “always go astray”)
- **Rev. 15:3** = singing praises to the Lord’s ways...
- **Luke 1:79** = “to lead our feet into the way of peace”
- **1 Cor. 12:31**.... “desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way” --- see “love” in **ch.13** (“**nothing**”/”**gong**”)
- **2 Peter 2:2**... “Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned.”
- **2 Peter 2:15**... “...forsaking the RIGHT way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam... who loved the wages of unrighteousness.”
- **Jude 1:11**... “Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong

into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.”

- **Acts 16:17...** Demon possessed girl follows after Paul declaring to all: “These men are doulos of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation.”

CLOSE:

MATTHEW 7:13-14 = CLOSING PASSAGE...

- Broad vs Narrow WAY
- Broad way = Death... BUT the NARROW WAY LEADS to LIFE

*** **Acts 2:28 (QT. of Psalms 16:10) =**

“YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS
OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF
GLADNESS WITH YOUR PRESENCE.”

*“Do not let your heart be troubled;
believe in God, believe also in Me...
“I am the way, and the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father but through Me.*

- Jesus, the Christ