

THE HOLY SPIRIT



The Spirit in John

In the first portion of the Gospel of John, the holy spirit is spoken of as something descending from heaven to remain upon Jesus
(John 1:32-33)

John 1:32-33(NASB)

32 John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. 33 I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.'

as the means by which one is
born again (John 3:5)

John 3:5 (NASB)

5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

as an enablement for Christ to
speak the words of God

(John 3:34)

John 3:34 (NASB)

34 For He whom God has sent
speaks the words of God; for He
gives the Spirit without measure.

as a way in which one worships the
Father (John 4:23)
John 4:23 (NASB)

23 But an hour is coming, and now is,
when the true worshipers will worship
the Father in spirit and truth; for such
people the Father seeks to be His
worshipers.

as the essential nature of God
(John 4:24)

John 4:24 (NASB)

24 God is spirit, and those who
worship Him must worship in spirit
and truth.”

as a life giver (John 6:63)

John 6:63 (NASB)

63 It is the Spirit who gives life;
the flesh profits nothing; the words
that I have spoken to you are
spirit and are life.

and as something to be received
by the disciples (John 7:39).

John 7:39 (NASB)

39 But this He spoke of the Spirit,
whom those who believed in Him
were to receive; for the Spirit was
not yet given, because Jesus was
not yet glorified.

It is clear from these examples that the essential character and functionality of God's spirit has not changed.

However, the claim that is made by John 7:39 seems to contradict everything we have discovered.

“But this he spoke of the spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for the spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified” (John 7:39).

The answers are found in the chapters of John that make up the last supper discourse (John 13-17).

During this dinner conversation, our Lord explains the coming presence of the parakletos (translated paraklete, comforter, helper, or advocate).

**Jesus outlines the
following chain of
events:**



(1) the disciple demonstrates love
for Jesus by keeping his
commandments (John 14:15)

John 14:15 (NASB)

15 “If you love Me, you will keep
My commandments.



(2) Jesus asks the Father to send
the paraklete (John 14:16; 15:26;
16:7)

John 14:16 (NASB)

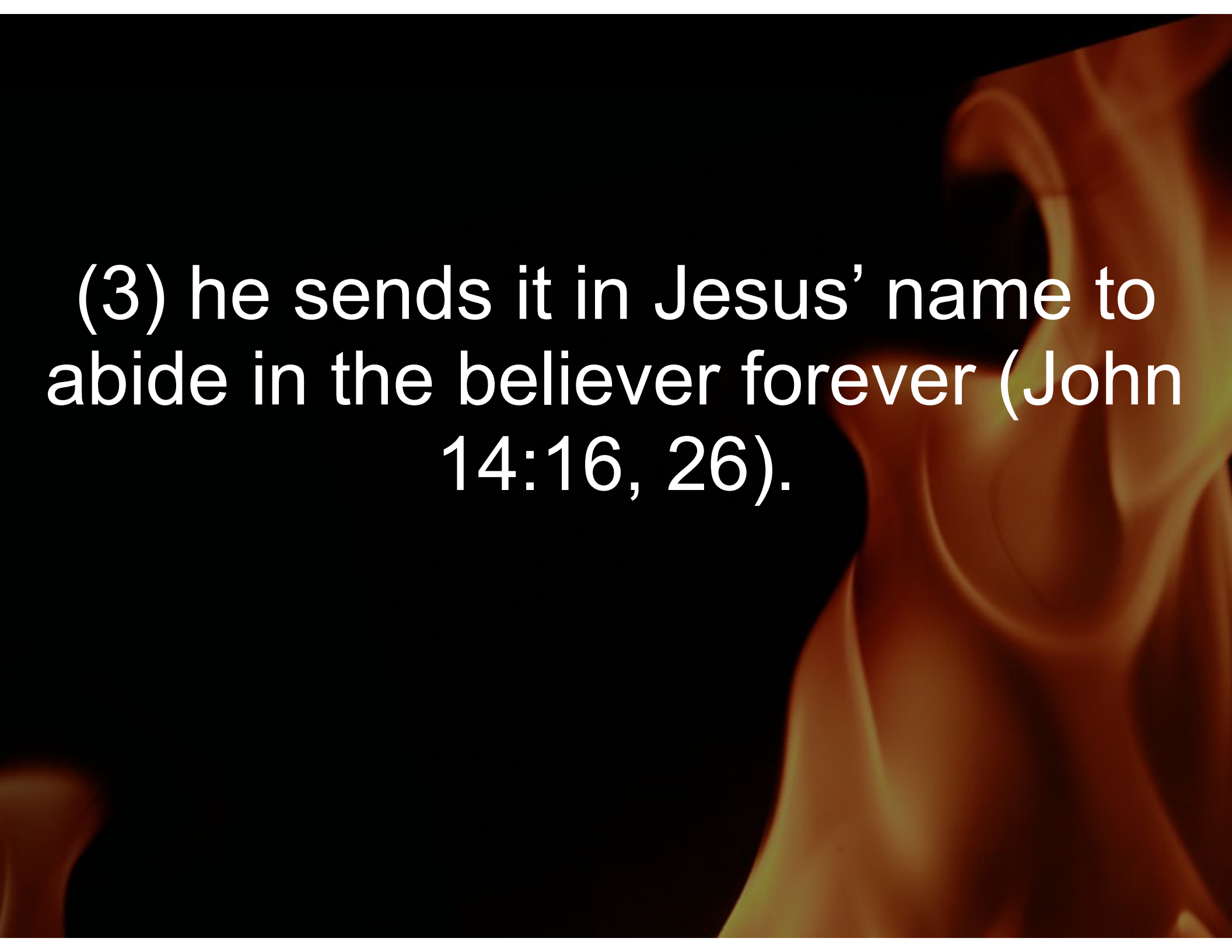
16 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

John 15:26 (NASB)

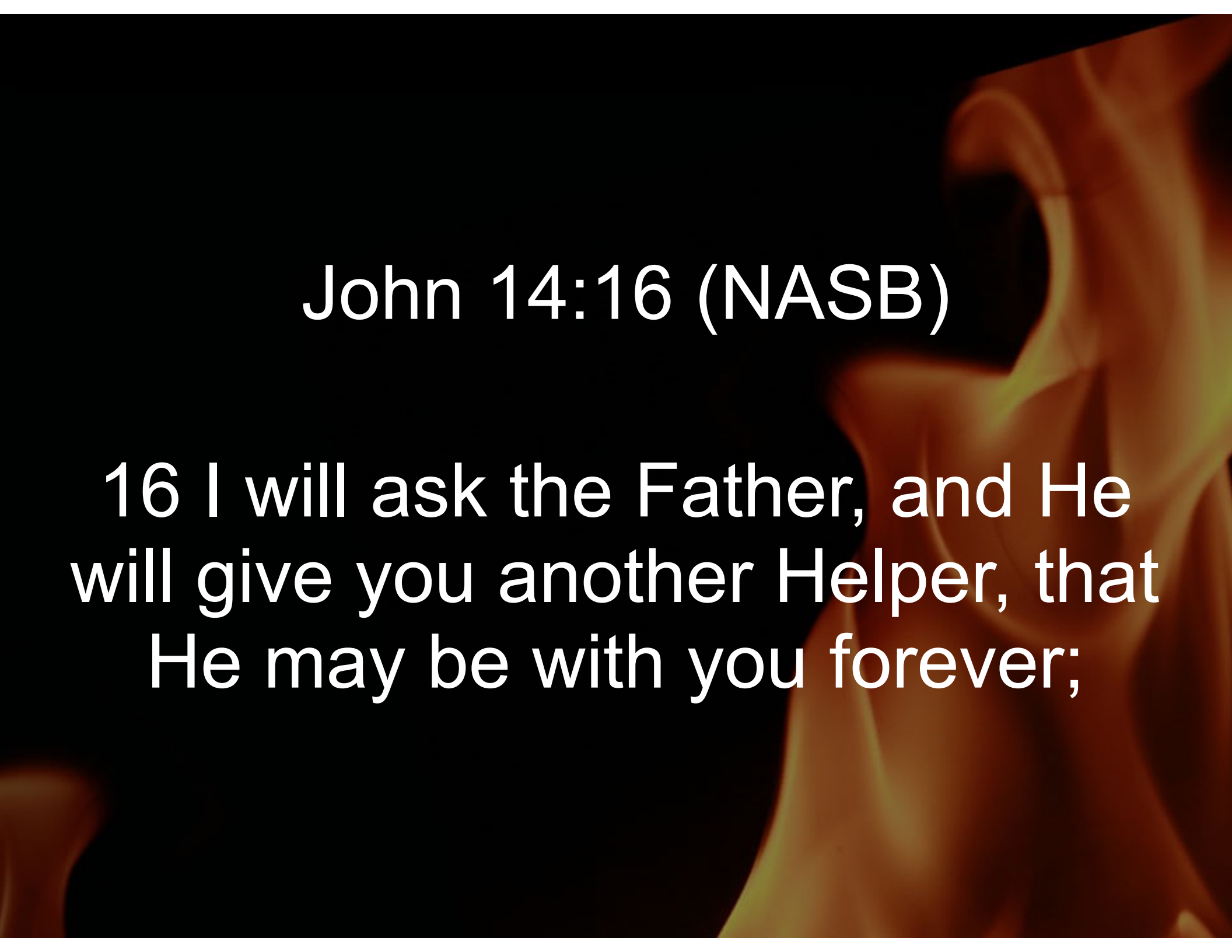
26 “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me,

John 16:7 (NASB)

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.



(3) he sends it in Jesus' name to abide in the believer forever (John 14:16, 26).



John 14:16 (NASB)

16 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

John 14:26 (NASB)

26 But 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.

The paraklete is “the spirit of truth” (John 14:17), which will teach the disciples all things and bring to their remembrance all that Jesus had said (John 14:26), testify about Jesus (John 15:26), be more advantageous to the saint than the presence of Christ on earth (John 16:7), convict the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8-11), guide them into all truth by speaking only what “he” hears (John 16:13), and disclose Christ to the disciple (John 16:14-15).

The Helper (Paraklete) Will Come

He will give you another helper, that he may
be with you forever 14:16

the helper, the holy spirit, whom the Father will
send in my name, he will teach you 14:26

when the helper comes, whom I will send to
you from the Father... 15:26

if I do not go away the helper will not come to
you; but if I go, I will send him to you 16:7

when he, the spirit of truth, comes, he will
guide you into all the truth 16:13

Jesus Will Come

I will come again and receive you to myself 14:3

I will come to you 14:18

you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me,
and I in you 14:17

he who loves me...I will love him and will disclose
myself to him 14:21

if anyone loves me, he will keep my word...and we
will come to him and make our abode with him
14:23

I go away, and I will come to you 14:28

‘a little while, and you will see me;’ and, ‘because I go
to the Father’ 16:17