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Under Construction:
Divine Resident (John 14.16-26)

BEWARE! : BUILDINGS, COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

John 14.16-26 (NIV)

¹⁶"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

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²²Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" ²³Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵"All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you"

Introduction

While we discuss being "Under Construction" we should not forget that we are under construction for a Divine Resident, who's willing to bear the inconvenience of live-in construction...

John 14.16-26 reveals the Holy Spirit as:

1. Jesus present
2. Jesus continued
3. Jesus unlimited

Jesus present

- The problem: "I am going away..." (14.28)
- Unlike other religions, Christianity cannot exist without its founder.
- "Because I live..." (14.19): Unlike other disciples, Christians cannot live without Him.
- The solution: "I am coming back..." (14.28)
- A impersonal force doesn't have presence: "He" (14.26) is grammatically incorrect but theologically correct.
- The HS is Jesus' spiritual presence in His physical absence.

Jesus continued

- He is the Spirit of Truth (14.17; cf. 14.6)
 - He inspired Scripture (2 Pet 1.20-21)
 - He helps us understand and remember Jesus' Word, e.g. hearing mothers voice.
 - He reveals Jesus in the Word (5.39-40), like the lights on Table Mountain.
- The Spirit is the "ἄλλον παράκλητον": another one who comes alongside to help.
 - Helper, Comforter, Counsellor, Advocate.
 - All that Jesus was for His disciples and then some...

Jesus unlimited

- 1) What Jesus does in heaven the Spirit applies in our hearts:
 - 1 John 2: 'My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins...
 - E.g. Unfaithful husband: photos of Jesus/Father.
 - E.g. Respected visitor vs. Divine resident.
- 2) What Jesus did for some disciples the Spirit does for all disciples: human body...
- 3) What Jesus did for a time the Spirit does forever: He had to come and go...
