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John 13:1:

‘Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.’

John 13:3-5

‘During supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel he had wrapped round his waist.’



Sieger Köder

John 13:3-4, 12

‘During supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, **laid down** his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself ... After he had washed their feet, had **taken up** his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you?

John 10:17-18

‘For this reason the Father loves me, because I **lay down** my life in order to **take it up** again.

No one takes it from me, but **I lay it down** of my own accord. I have power to **lay it down**, and I have power to **take it up again**. I have received this command from my Father.’



John 13:21-22

‘Jesus was troubled in spirit and declared:
Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.
The disciples looked at one another,
uncertain of whom he was speaking.’

John 13:23

‘One of his disciples –
the one whom Jesus loved –
was reclining next to him.’



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Exodus 3:14

‘I am (will be)
who I am (will be).’

ego eimi ho on

Yahweh

Jesus' Farewell Speech (John 13:33 - 14:31)

Modelled on Moses' Testament in Deuteronomy

John 13:34-35

*'I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another.*

*Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another.*

*By this everyone will know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.'*

John 14:1-3

Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

If it were not so, would I have told you
that I go to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come again and will take you to myself,

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

Communion with God

God's perfect
human Word,
human realisation
of the Divine Word
of the Self-giving
transcendent God



Communion in the
Love-Spirit that
unites Jesus and God,
sharing in the Divine
Love-communion
of the
Transcendent God

John 14:4-6

‘You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’

Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:7-9

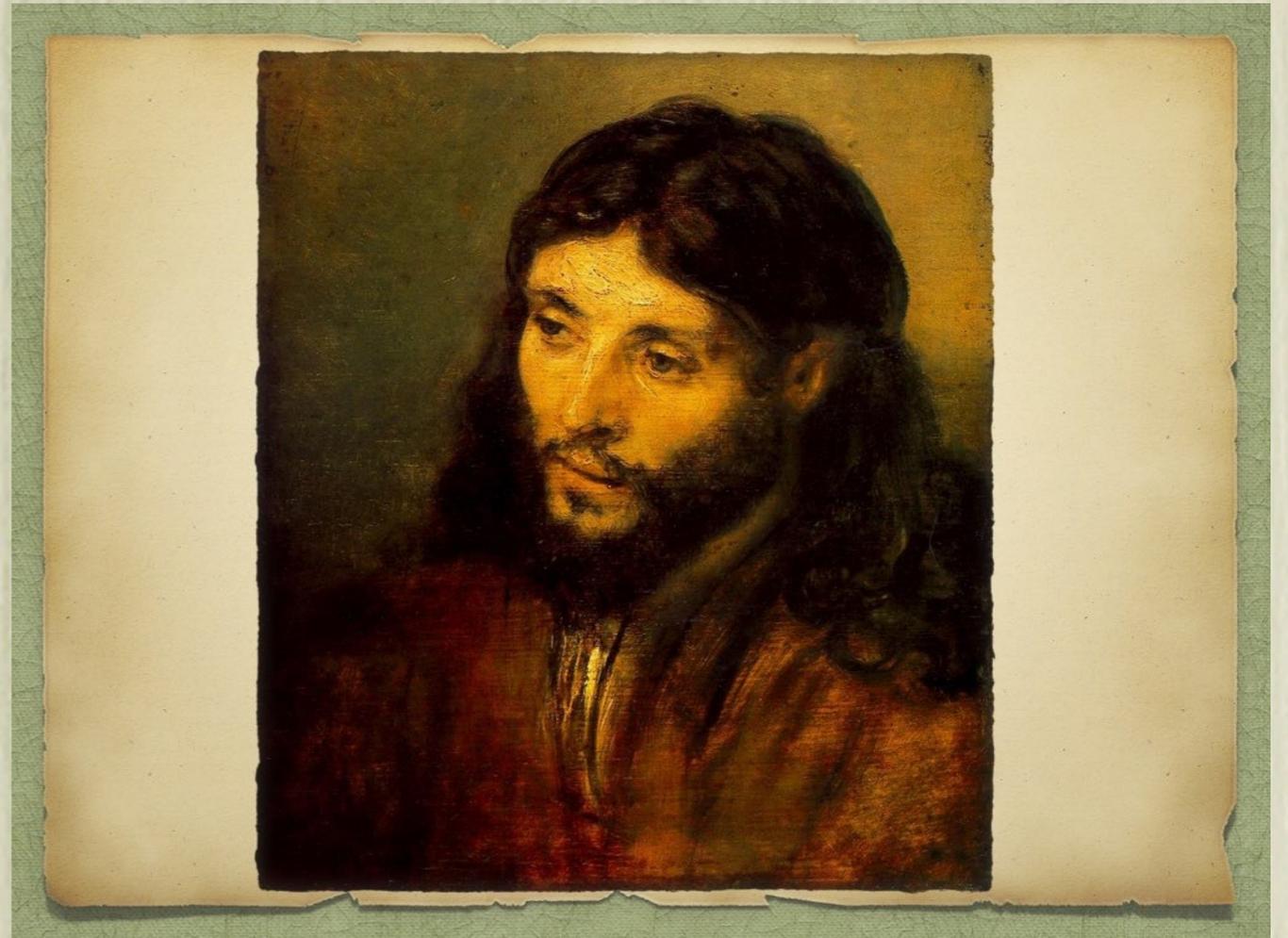
‘If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.’

John 1:18

‘No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, who has made God known.’





2Corinthians 4:6

‘It is the God who said: Let light shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.’

John 14:10-11



Do you not believe
that I am in the Father
and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you
I do not speak as from myself.
It is the Father living in me
who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father
and the Father is in me;
believe me on the evidence of
this work, if for no other reason.

John 14:12-14

I tell you most solemnly, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and, in fact, will do even greater works, because I am going to the Father.

Whatever you ask in my name I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If you ask for anything in my name, I will do it.

John 14:15-18, 23

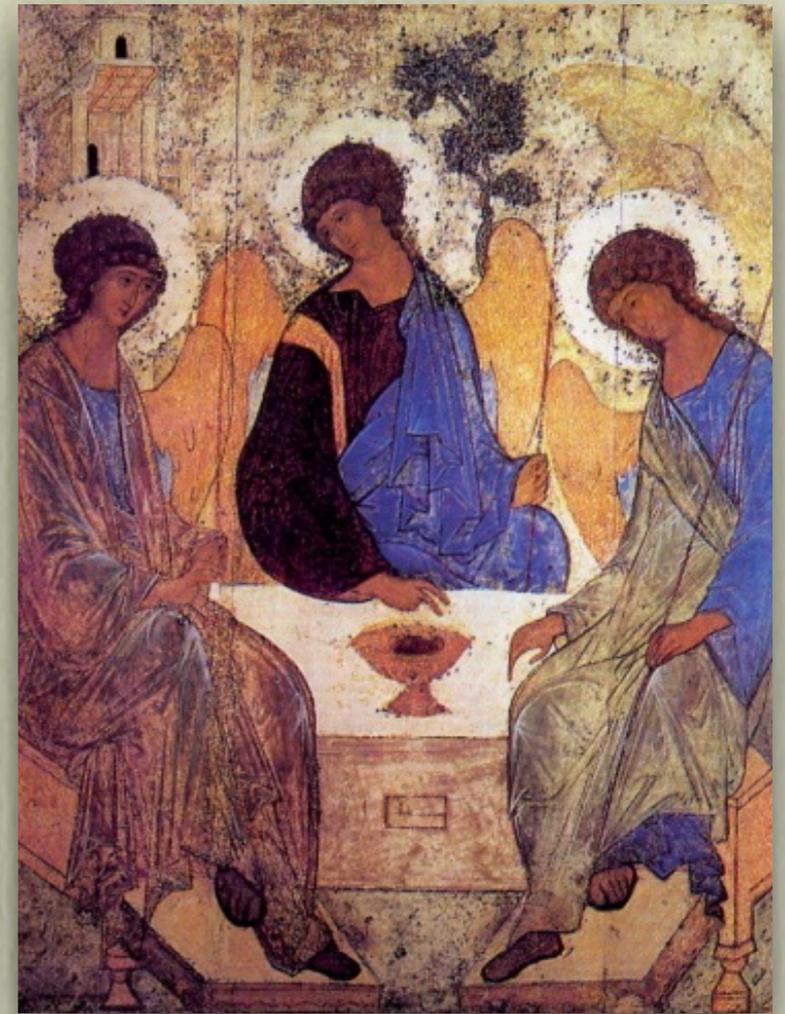
If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate,
to be with you forever.

This is the Spirit of truth,
whom the world cannot receive,
because it neither sees nor knows the Spirit.
You know the Spirit, because the Spirit
abides with you, is in you.

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you ...

If you love me you will keep my word,
and my Father will love you, and we will come to you
and make our home in you.



1Corinthians 12:4-7

‘There are varieties of gifts
[charisma]

but the same Spirit;

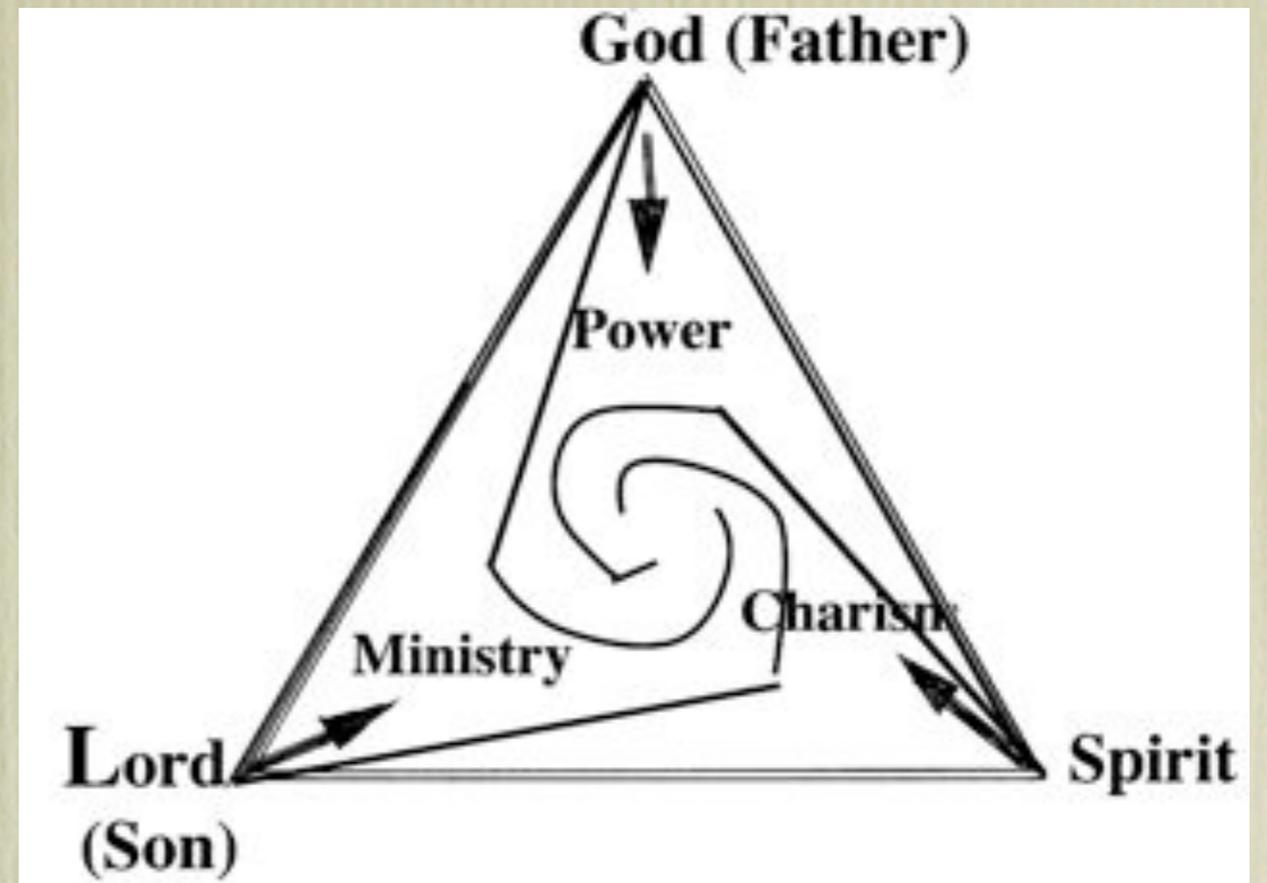
there are varieties of ministries
[diakonia]

but the same Lord;

there are varieties of
ways of exercising power
[energema]

but it is the same God who
activates them all in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of
the Spirit for a good purpose.



John 14:24-25, 27

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words;
and the word that you hear is not mine.
It is from the Father who sent me ...

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.

John 14:31

Rise, let us be on our way.

John 18:1

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.

Additions to the Supper Discourse : John 15:1 - 17:26

I am the true vine; my Father is the vinegrower.

John 15:1-5

He removes every branch in me
that bears no fruit.

Every branch that bears fruit
he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

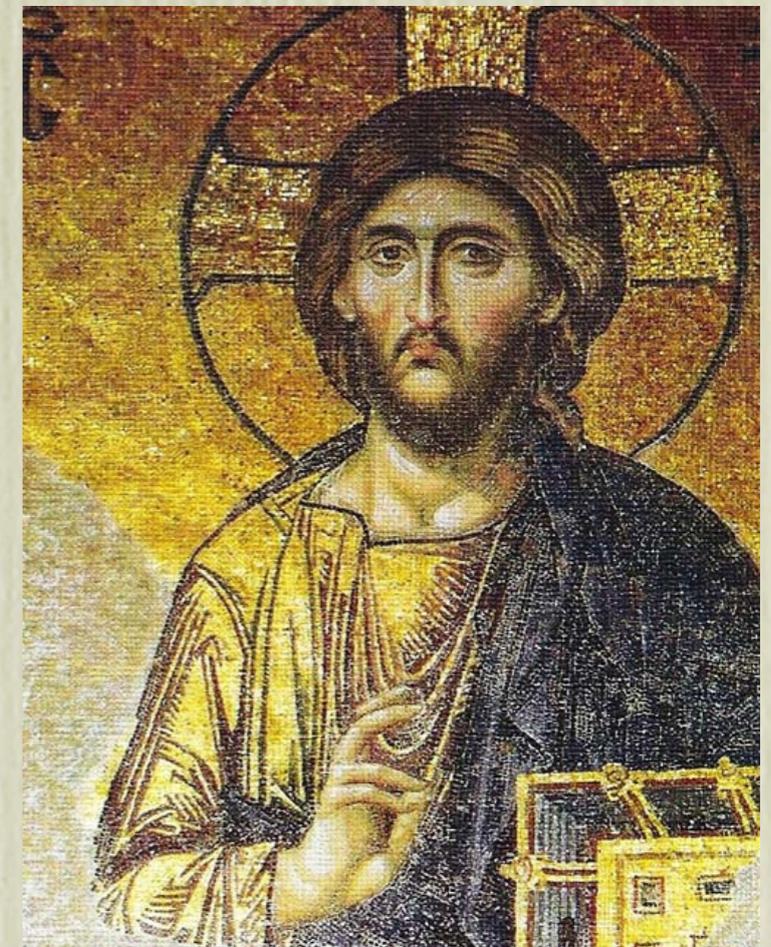
Abide in me as I abide in you.

Just as the branch cannot bear fruit
by itself unless it abides in the vine,
neither can you unless you abide in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

If you abide in me and I in you,
you will bear much fruit.

Apart from me you can do nothing.'



John 15:9

‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you (plural);
abide in my love.’



Jesus has already spoken of his love for us (13:1; 13:34; 14:21). Now he tells us that the love which he has for us has its origin in the love which his Father has for him. It is the human expression of the intimate communion which is the very being of God.

With the Beloved Disciple we are being invited to share Jesus' divinity: to be with Jesus **‘in the bosom of the Father’** (1:18).

John 17:11, 13, 17-19

‘Holy Father, protect those you have given to me,
so that they may be one, as we are one ...
I speak these things to share my joy
with them to the full.

Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world,
so I have sent them into the world.
And for their sake I consecrate myself,
so that they too may be consecrated in truth.

John 17:20-21

‘I pray not only for these,
but for those also
who will believe in me through their word.
May they all be one.
Father, may they be one in us.

As you, Father, are in me and I am in you,
may they also be in us,
as you are in me and I am in you,
so that the world may believe
that it was you who sent me.



John 17:22-24

I have given them the glory you gave to me,
that they may be one, as we are one.

With me in them and you in me,
may they be so completely one,

so that the world may realise

that it was you sent me

and that I have loved them as much as you loved me.

Father, I want those you have given me

to with me where I am,

so that they may always see the glory

you have given me because you loved me

before the foundation of the world.

John 17:25-26

‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you,
but I know you;
and these know that you have sent me.
I made your name known to them,
and will continue to make it known,
so that the love with which you have loved me
may be in them,
and so that I may be in them.’