

## Believing Jesus For Greater Works John 14:7-14

### **Rebuke:**

#### ***Don't you know who Jesus really is? (7-9)***

- 14:7, Jesus rebukes Thomas--*If you had known Me* (clearest = NASV, NKJV, NLT, ESV). Their knowledge (like their *belief* in 14:1) needs to grow. Fuller knowledge of the Father through the Son will now begin to become more obvious with Jesus' death and resurrection.
- 14:9,10, Jesus rebukes Philip--*you have not come to know Me*  
Recall Moses' request in Ex. 33:18-20 for a visual. What a letdown for Jesus after previous claims in John 8:19,58, 10:30, 12:45.

### **Command:**

#### ***Believe Jesus' works prove His Father-connection. (10-11)***

- Again the command to believe (14:1). Recall 2:11; this is again not about initial belief but an increase of belief.
- Appeal to His words is followed with an appeal to His works, as in 5:18,19,36, 10:25,32,37,38. Jesus' works (signs / miracles) were to validate His claims—recall book theme in 20:30,31.

### **Promise:**

#### ***Greater works than Jesus did are for us to do. (12-14)***

- Proving His connection with the Father through His works leads Jesus to promise *greater works* for us who are connected to Him.
- How can this prediction be true???  
What could some argue?
- See Jn. 5:18-24 for similar issue and same phrase (*greater works*)  
See Lk. 7:28 for comments on John's greatness.  
See Lk. 10:23,24, I Pt. 1:10-12, Heb. 8:6 for our privileged position.
- Prayer promises in 13,14 show that while Jesus is indeed leaving, He is yet actively enabling believers to do their *greater works*. We will look more at this prayer promise repeated later in 16:23-24.