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- "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
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- <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."
- <sup>22</sup> Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him,

"Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him,

"If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

<sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

- <sup>25</sup> "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.
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 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me,
 but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.

Rise, let us go from here."

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## John 3:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
 <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him,

"Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him,

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him,

"How can a man be born when he is old?

Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

### <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered,

- "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
- <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'
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So...therefore...what now?

## <u>John 15:5</u>

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.