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## *The Best Test of Love*

John 14:21-24

### I. Jesus Manifests Himself to Us (v. 21)

A. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of this manifestation?  
(Psa. 19:1; 24:1; Rom. 1:19-20)

B. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of this manifestation?  
(2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3-4)

C. What are the \_\_\_\_\_ of this manifestation?  
(Rom. 3:20-22; 5:1; Gal. 2:16; 3:11; 1 Jn. 2:3-6; 1 Sam. 15:22)

D. What are the \_\_\_\_\_ of this manifestation?  
(Phil. 3:7-14; Psa. 25:14; Rev. 3:20)

### II. The Father Makes His Home with Us (vv. 22-23)

A. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to believers (v. 22)  
[Mk. 4:11-12; Matt. 13:11-12]

B. If you love Jesus, the Father will \_\_\_\_\_ you (v. 23a)  
[1 Jn. 4:19]

C. The Father loves you by making His \_\_\_\_\_ with you  
(v. 23b) [Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:27; Eph. 3:17; Jn. 14:16-17]

### III. The Decision is Yours (v. 24)

A. If you don't love, then you won't \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 24a)  
[Jn. 15:16; 8:47; Matt. 7:15-21]

B. This isn't Jesus' Word, but God's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 24b)  
[Jn. 6:57; 7:16; 14:21]

### TAKE HOME

- How does Jesus manifest ***Himself*** to you?
- What are the terms of this ***manifestation***?
- Have you ever thought about ***God*** making His home with you?

## **STUDY QUESTIONS**

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 14:21. What is the meaning and the means of the manifestation that Jesus is talking about? (Psa. 19:1; 24:1; Rom. 1:19-20; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3-4)

2. Read Romans 3:20-22; 5:1; Galatians 2:16; 3:11. What do all of these passages teach us about salvation? How is obedience connected to salvation but not the cause of salvation? (1 Jn. 2:3-6)

3. Read Philippians 3:7-14; Psalm 25:14; and Revelation 3:20. How do these texts show us the effects of this manifestation?

4. Read John 14:22. Why do you think Judas asked this question? What is the answer? (Mk. 4:11-12; Matt. 13:11-12)

5. Read John 14:23. If you love Jesus, what will you do? If you do this, what will the Father and the Son do? How does this happen? (Gal. 2:20; Jn. 14:16-17)

6. Read John 14:24. How does this show the opposite of the principle “if you love me, you will obey me?” Look at Matthew 7:15-21. What happens to those who don’t love God and therefore don’t obey Him?

7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week in light of what you have learned today?

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but great faith will bring heaven to your soul.  
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as you commune with the Lord and worship Him.”*

- Charles Spurgeon