



**CROSS-CHECKING**



*Did He Say "Greater"?*

Jesus made us some unbelievable promises—almost *too* unbelievable! Take John 14:12, for example: "Anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."

You may be thinking, *Forget it! It's impossible for me to do greater things than Jesus did.* But before you start explaining away a promise Jesus intended *for you*, spend some time reading the passages below. Look for clues that indicate how it *could* be possible for you to do greater things than Jesus did. Here's a hint: Think beyond miracles.

**JOHN 14:12**

What is required of us before we can do greater works than Jesus did?

What would make this possible? (Look for where Jesus was going.)

**ACTS 1:1-8**

What did Jesus say we'd need in order to do great things?

**ACTS 2:32-41**

In this scene, Peter experienced the results of what Jesus promised in Acts 1. What results do you see?

Could this be an example of the disciples doing "greater things" than Jesus? In what way?

## DIGGING DEEPER



*Bold Claims, Bold Actions*

Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6). Did you catch what he said? That’s a huge statement to make—that there’s no way anyone can connect with God except through Jesus. Have you experienced Jesus as the *only* way to God...the only truth...and the only *real life*?

Take a minute to meditate on these passages, which show Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life. Write down anything that backs up what Jesus said in John 14.

### **JOHN 8:28-32**

What actions does Jesus ask of us?

If we do these things, what will happen to us? (Look for the word *then*. You’ll find it twice.)

### **JOHN 10:7-15**

### **COLOSSIANS 2:1-10**

Look back over the notes you made above—and think about Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life. As you look at what you’ve written, let God’s Spirit teach you about this, and write down anything that comes to mind about Jesus in these areas.

Jesus as the Way	Jesus as the Truth	Jesus as the Life

## TAKING IT INWARD

### *Taking Jesus at His Word*

Here’s the big question: Following Jesus as the way and the truth is how we experience him as the life. But following him as the way and the truth may mean going against the grain around you (friends, schoolmates, teammates). Is it worth it to you?

- Yes     
  No     
  Maybe

Next question: Are you willing to do what it takes to get this?

- Yes     
  No     
  Maybe

To what extent are you doing what Jesus is asking? What needs to change in your life? Write your ideas below.

Things I can do to lift Jesus up:

Things I can do to hold to Jesus’ teachings: