

"Destination, Heaven" #2

John 14:1-6 *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know." Thomas said to Him, 'Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"*

Last week we established that Jesus is the Way to Heaven. Jesus said, "I AM the Way." Jesus also said, "I AM the Truth." Today I want to establish that Jesus is the **Truth of Heaven**.

Jesus makes several *statements of fact* about Heaven:

Heaven is a literal place! It's My Father's House!

- **"In My Father's house..."** Heaven is where My Father dwells. How does Jesus know this, because He was there, before he was here!
- Heaven is the Father's House exclusively, and I am the Way to it... **"No one comes to the Father except through me."**
- Jesus is saying, **"If it were not so, I would have told you."** If Heaven was not a real, literal, tangible place and I were not the Way to Heaven, and the Truth about it I, the Truth would tell you the truth! Jesus cannot deny the Truth about Heaven, nor the Way there! Jesus is saying, the *truth* is... Heaven is My Father's House, and it's very, very real!

Heaven is a beautiful place! It's more than you can imagine.

- **"In My Father's house are many mansions..."** This is no ordinary House! Right? Jesus is saying, this is **My Father's House!** This is more than you can imagine! This begs the question, **"What else is in the Father's House?"**
- All throughout the bible we are given glimpses into Heaven, especially in the book of Revelation. If your Heavenly Father can create 1 beautiful world with mountains, and oceans, rivers, plains, sunsets, and sunrises in it, He can create 1 House, His House with many mansions and so much more.
- Jesus wants you to know it, experience it, know the Truth about it!
- **1 Corinthians 2:9** **"But as it is written: 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.'**

Heaven is My future for you! It's a prepared place!

- **"I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."**
- **Hebrews 9:24** **"For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into Heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us."**
- In Acts Chapter 1 these same disciples saw Jesus go into Heaven with their own eyes. **Acts 1:8-11** **"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in**

Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.’ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward Heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into Heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into Heaven.’”

- Peter describes your entrance into Heaven. ***2 Peter 1:10-11 “An entrance (into Heaven) will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.***
 - Entrance: Arrival, appearance, access
 - Supplied: Complete, furnished, full
 - Abundantly: Opulent, lavish, copious
- Because Jesus has gone to prepare a place for you, your arrival and place there will be expected, celebrated, and glorious for all eternity! ***2 Corinthians 5:1 “For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”***

Concluding Thoughts:

- *Heaven is a literal place!*
- *Heaven is a beautiful place!*
- *Heaven is My future for you!*

Philippians 3:20 “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Colossians 1:4-6 “Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth.

- If you are uncertain about how to get to Heaven, Jesus is the Way!
- If you, or others you know are struggling to find meaning and purpose in life, Jesus is the Way!
- If you are concerned that someone you love does not know the Way to Heaven, then earnestly pray for them and help them find the Way!

Declaration:

Thank You, Heavenly Father, for sending Your Son, my Savior! I believe, Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life! Thank you, Jesus for being the Way, and making the Way possible for me to be saved and get to my destination, Heaven! Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to open my eyes and my heart to the big picture in this life, of eternity, Heaven, hell, salvation! From this point on, I will be a gatherer, not a scatterer for You and your cause! In the mighty Name of Jesus I pray, Amen!