

## **Walking with Jesus**

“Let your hearts not be troubled”

### **John 14**

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. **2** 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. **3** 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. **4** And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

**5** Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

**6** Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

### **Vs. 1**

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

- The disciples were troubled in their hearts.
- Jesus had just told them that one of them would betray him, that Peter would deny Him, and that He would leave them that night.
- Just the idea that Jesus was about to leave gave legitimate reason for them to be troubled.

Jesus never promised us a life without troubles, but he did promise us we could live it with an untroubled heart...

“Let not your heart be troubled”

- This was, in a sense, a command. The form of the imperative in the Greek implies that they should ‘stop being troubled.
- Set your hearts at ease. Would be a good way to say it.

Then Jesus says; “You believe in God, believe also in Me.”

The Jews had tremendous faith in God.

There culture even demonstrates tremendous faith in God

They have witnessed him as a deliverer throughout history.

They have seen his mighty deeds.

Now Jesus says, Just like you believe in God, “believe also in Me.”

In other words - You have seen my Father do miracles in the past. You are going to see Me do Miracles in the Future - “believe also in me”

### **Vs. 2,3**

2 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. 3 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.

Jesus gives us a brief picture of what heaven is like... Many Mansions...

Then Jesus uses this phrase: I go to prepare a place for you.

- Love prepares a Place.
- With love, expectant parents prepare a room for the baby.
- With love, a hostess prepares for her guests.
- Jesus prepares **a place** for His people because He loves them and is confident of their arrival.

A beautiful thing is mirrored here that many are not aware of...

The way Jesus speaks of going away and preparing a place, this was the cultural way a Jewish groom would go and prepare for his bride.

**Story:** Jewish Custom

Notice that the great gathering of the saints in heaven is called the “**Marriage Supper** of the Lamb”

### **Vs. 4,5**

4 And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

5 Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

I know Thomas gets the wrap on this but perhaps he should be award for expressing his confusion so honestly. He thought Jesus was simply going to another place, as if it were another city.

Thomas's question provides Jesus with the opportunity to de-complicate one of the greatest mysteries of eternity.

What happens to me when I die?

Where will I go?

What will I see?

Jesus tells us the answer we are looking for...

### **Vs. 6**

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Way: Meaning - Travelers way, road, journey

True: Meaning - In fact, Certain, True in any matter under consideration

Life: Meaning - Possessed with vitality, the absolute fulness of life

If you are saying:

- *I'm wandering around and I don't know where I'm going.* Jesus is the way...
- *I'm confused; I don't know what to think.* Jesus is the truth...
- *I'm dead inside and don't know if I can go on.* Jesus is the life...

Then Jesus says very clearly... No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Can I tell you we have a Heavenly Father...

You have access to Him...

You can know Him...

You can pray to Him...

By the way of Jesus...

### **Acts 4:12**

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Later in Chapter 14

### **Vs. 15-17**

“If you love me, keep my commands. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— **17** the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

- In contrast to the world, the disciple of Jesus *should* **know** the Holy Spirit.
- In contrast to the world, the disciple of Jesus *should* have the Holy Spirit **with** them.
- In contrast to the world, the disciple of Jesus *should* have the Holy Spirit **in** them.

### **Vs. 25-27**

**25** “These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. **26** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. **27** Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Jesus here begins to introduces the Holy Spirit to his disciples...

Jesus calls him “The Helper”...

The Greek word Jesus used is Parakletos

His Name Means: Called along side us to lead us...

to Aid...

to Help...

to teacher...

to remind us...

comforter us...

aid us...

He is God in Spirit... He is real... And You can experience his presence in your life right now...

At a time when the Disciples were troubled, Jesus told them about the one who will take his place on the earth. The Holy Spirit - The Helper

### **Vs.27**

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.

- When someone in that ancient culture said *peace* as they departed, they said it without any special meaning. It was like when we say *goodbye*. Literally that means, *God be with you* – but we don't really mean it that way.
- Jesus wanted them to know that when He said **My peace I leave with you**, he really meant it.

Friends just as Jesus said again to His disciples, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." My prayer is that for you today. I know there is a lot of uncertainty right now.

The Lord spoke to me last week and said to me; There are some who are going to bed at night and they are saying these words. **"I am scared"**

If that is you let me say these words of Jesus to you;  
**"Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."**

**No matter where you are with God right now, can I tell you  
He is the Way...  
He is the Truth...  
He is the Life...**

**If you don't know what to do or where to go  
Go to Jesus...  
Let Him Comfort you with His Holy Spirit...  
Let Him give you His Peace...  
Let the Holy Spirit be your Helper...**

Closing Prayer