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“WHERE I AM THERE YOU MAY BE ALSO”

Reading: **John 14:1-7**

**Where was Jesus going?**

**Let’s go back and look at some of Jesus’ words prior to these in John 14.**

* **John 7:33-36**
* *“I shall be with you a little while longer…and where I am you cannot come.”* ***(33-34)***
* **John 8:20-22, 28**
* *“Where I go you cannot come.”*
* Why could they to go where He was going? Because they refused to believe in Him.
* *“When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He….”* ***(28)***
* **John 12:23-24, 32-33**
* *“The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.”*
* But He had to die first. He had to be lifted up.
* Jesus had been trying to prepare the apostles for this for some time.
* **Luke 18:31-34–** *they understood none of these things*
* **John 13:31-37**
* Jesus: *“Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come,’ so now I say to you.”*
* Peter: *“Lord, where are You going?”*
* Jesus: *“Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward.”*
* Peter: *“Lord, why can I not follow you now?”*
* Peter wasn’t ready to follow the Lord – He wouldn’t even follow Him that night.

**JOHN 14:1-7**

* When were these things spoken by Jesus? What was about to happen in the next 12 hours?

What was going to be the reaction of the apostles? The three hardest days of their lives!

* *“Let not your heart be troubled….”*
* This was a message of assurance – reassurance – they could be sure of who He was.
* *“In My Father’s house are many mansions”* (NKJV) ***(2)***
* *“many rooms….”* (ESV)
* “a staying, i.e. residence (the act or the place)” (Strong’s)
* The word *(mone)* is found twice in the NT and the other time is in ***v. 23***.
* If we love Jesus and keep His word, He and the Father will come and make their ***home*** with us! Place or relationship? They would *know* the Father. ***(7)***
* *“Even to them I will give in My house and within My walls a place”* (**Isa. 56:5**)
* When you hear the following words in the rest of the NT, what do you think of?
* *“… I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God…”*(**1 Tim. 3:15**)
* *“members of the household of God”* (**Eph. 2:19**)
* They would not be left *orphans* (fatherless). ***(v. 18)***
* We should not be looking for the Biltmore House or a castle on the Rhine!
* We will NOT have our OWN house in heaven!
* It is God’s house! It is not ours!
* *“I go to prepare (provide, make ready) a place for you”* ***(2)***
* He has made room for us – He opened the door to the Kingdom.
* It’s not so much the place, it’s the act. (remember the definition)
* *I will build My church* (Mt. 16:18) *–* He would do some spiritual carpentry.
* He was going to build a place (make room) for us so we can go to heaven.
* ‘In My Father’s house are many houses’ is not what the passage teaches.
* Jesus prepared a place so that they could be where He already was, and that was in fellowship with His Father. They were one as He was about to pray. (**John 17**)
* That place, that room, is being at home with the Father and the Son, becoming one of His children – a member of His household which is His church.
* We have to be in His church (in His house) to have the hope of heaven.
* We have to go through the holy place to get to the most holy place in the tabernacle.
* Is heaven in the picture? Absolutely! It’s the BEST part of the story!
* He wants to start making His *home* with us now! ***(23)***
* *“I will come again”*
* His resurrection? His second coming? Why not the former? (see ***v. 18,*** send the HS?)
* Was He preparing them for His ascension that took place 40 days later or was He preparing them for what would happen the very next morning?
* *“That where I am…”* ***(3)***
* Note the present tense – It was as if He was already there. He had already prepared the place. He had already made the way for them to come. *“I have finished the work ….” (****17:4****)* It was a sure thing. He was already and always in His Father and His Father was in Him. ***(11)*** He and His Father are one. (**John 17:21**)
* *“Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am….”* *(***17:24***)*
* Jesus was going back to heaven to sit at the right hand of His Father. (**1 Pet. 3:22**)
* *“I go to My Father”* ***(12)***
* *“And where I go you know, and the way you know.”* ***(4)***
* They knew more about that way than they might have realized. But did they believe?
* Jesus had been telling them that He would die and be raised the 3rd day. (see ***28-29****)*
* But they didn’t understand. They didn’t believe.
* They would slowly come to believe it after it happened.
* Thomas: *“Lord, we do not know….?”* ***(5)***
* *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”*
* The way is through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.
* See ***19-20 –*** *a little while longer, you will see Me, because I live, at that day you will know –* What *day*? What would they *know*?

“And when I shall have gone and prepared a place for you-opened the kingdom of an eternal glory for your reception, and for the reception of all that shall die in the

faith, I will come again, after my resurrection, and give you the fullest

assurances of this state of blessedness.…” (Adam Clark)

**Are you in His house/family now? Are you following His way?**