

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in Me." – John 14:1

I. Why Are You Leaving Us Jesus?

- a. Chapters 14-16 prepare Jesus' disciples for their mission work. Therefore, they have relevance to the church as we face many challenges as we seek to accomplish *our* mission.
- b. *Let not your hearts be troubled.* The disciples are experiencing anxiety. Jesus informed them He is about to leave. After knowing Him, a future without Jesus would be shocking.
- c. The disciples thought of the future in terms of sharing the glory in their lifetime. (Mt. 20:20–24).
- d. Jesus' foretelling Peter's denial was also surprise. If "tough" Peter was not going to stand the coming test, what hope did the other disciples have?
- e. How do we face trouble in a troubled world? Jesus gave the answer, "Believe." You already believe in God (Jewish perspective), now believe in Me. *This is a lesson for us today!*
 1. There is only one faith and that is in Jesus and God at the same time. The Father is with you now.
 2. They had to trust God even when they couldn't see His reasons.
 3. They didn't understand, but trust would be built on believing that Jesus was who He said He was.
- f. Jesus is building a church on earth and a home for the church in heaven. (vv.3-4)

II. There is Room in the Father's House

- a. There is a prophecy in this text. Jesus looks beyond the cross and tells them He is going to His Father's house, that's where He must prepare a place for them.
- b. We have no title deed to the mansion. Our title originates from Jesus' death on the cross. It is through His blood that God gives us access to the riches of His grace.
- c. *How can we know the way?* Jesus answered, "*I am the way and the truth and the life.*" (v.6)
 1. The way to heaven is Jesus himself and faith removes sin opens the door to eternal life.
 2. The reality and truth of God are incarnated in Jesus Christ, who embodies the indestructible life of the ever-living God.
 3. I am the life. The eternal life that you will enjoy when you get there.
- d. Jesus then backs up this statement with a bold claim that is also a command, *No one comes to the Father except through me.* (v.6) (historical, eschatological)
 1. Jesus puts His full weight on the command and Peter repeated it in Acts 4:12. Every missionary, preacher, evangelist, teacher of the Gospel stands on and ministers under this truth.
 2. The Lord's grace welcomes everyone to the Father *if* they will come through Him.
- e. The preparation for the *room* involved Jesus' sacrifice, resurrection and glorification. Through this He prepared the way for us.
 1. An important phrase in this text, *I will take you to myself.* This shifts the focus from a place to a person. The Lord is my dwelling place. (Psalm 91:9) His presence is where we will dwell.
- f. Six times Jesus says nearly the same thing, that He and the Father are one, that His presence is the presence of God the Father.

III. Application of the Word

- a. Every obstacle between us and our room in the Father's house was removed at Calvary.
- b. All disciples must remember that God will often leads us to where we cannot cope and cannot understand, so that His way, truth and life will be revealed afresh.
- c. Jesus is the truth about the Father; and He is the way to the Father.