

The Final Days of Jesus

THE CURE FOR HEART TROUBLE

Friday, March 13

Reading: John 14:1-6

**John 14:2** *My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am.*

Jesus has just told His disciples that He is going away. He has also revealed that one of the Twelve will betray Him and another will deny Him three times. This has led to great fear and doubt among the disciples. But even with the terrible events that are about to unfold, Jesus encourages His disciples to keep trusting in God and to keep trusting in Him. Their eternal destiny is assured.

Jesus says that eternal life is THE PROMISE OF A PLACE. The Father's House is a real place that He was going to prepare for them. This is not a picture of individual mansions strewn on the hills of heaven. It is the picture of one big family all living under one roof - the Father's House.

But more important, eternal life is THE PRESENCE OF A PERSON. Jesus not only promised to prepare that special place for His people, He also promised that He would personally return for them and that they would then be with Him forever.

In answer to Thomas' question, Jesus gives THE PRESENTATION OF THE PATH to eternal life. It is a personal path through faith in Himself. Jesus didn't say "I know the way." He said "I AM the way." The path to eternal life is not a recipe or rule book, it is a relationship with Jesus Christ. He is the only way! He is the Source of all truth and life! The path to eternal life is an exclusive one - "No one comes to the Father except through Me."

LESSON ONE: "I Will Come Back." For almost 2000 years, Jesus' words have echoed in the ears of the faithful. We look forward to the day when Christ comes to take us home to be with Him forever in the place He has prepared for us. The Apostle Paul calls this promise "the blessed hope" (Titus 2:13). How should this promise effect the way we look at the unsaved around us? How does this promise help us with our own "heart troubles" and problems?

LESSON TWO: "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." This statement flies in the face of everything the world believes. The world says there are many ways to God and we must be tolerant and accept every belief as legitimate. Jesus says He is the only WAY and no one comes to God the Father except through Him. The world says that TRUTH is relative; that you can believe whatever you want and that is true for you. They despise anyone who tells them they are wrong! But Jesus not only spoke the truth – Jesus IS truth Personified! While people have a right to their own opinions, not every opinion is right. Jesus is the Source of all truth. The world says that LIFE is centered on people – their pleasure and their plans. But Jesus says that He is the Source of life (see John 1:3-4; 4:14; 6:35,48; 10:10; 11:25). True life and joy can only come through Him. Which path are you following? How can the world sometimes suck us into to their way of thinking? What should you do to focus your life on "the Way, Truth, and Life" found only in Jesus?