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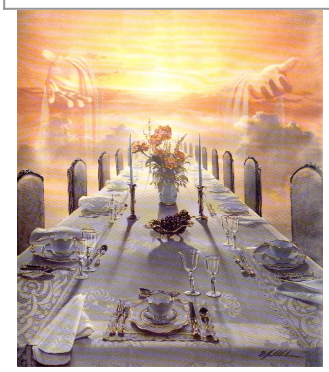
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With Christ’s death looming just a few hours ahead, our Lord gives the disciples words of comfort in John 14. These words of comfort apply not merely to the first-century disciples, but to believers today. We know this by the fact that Jesus promised His return and the rapture of His people (v. 3) and this great event has not yet occurred.

“Troubled” – worried, fearful.
--present subjunctive – calls for a stop to fear
--passive voice – stop allowing any bad circumstance, evil spirit to agitate your heart
(Peter’s denial [13:38] would be motivated by fear]

Note: the opposite of fear is faith! **“Let not your heart be troubled. . . believe**. . . “

Faith in Jesus Christ conquers fear!

“Ye believe in God” – could be present indicative or imperative.

If indicative – “You are trusting in God.”

If imperative – “Trust God!”

Since this same form of the world is used again as an imperative, it seems most natural that the first use is an imperative also.

Literally, the text reads: “Trust in God, also in Me trust.”

The emphasis being on the word “Me” as it is moved up front in the imperative clause.

For Jesus to call for equal trust with the Father, means that He is equal with the Father (one with God in nature and essence), or else such a statement on His part would be blasphemous!

Jesus was not a mere man, or a mere prophet; by making Himself the object of trust (faith), He is implicitly claiming to be God!

The emphasis in John 14-16 is on Jesus. Jesus refers to himself in almost every single verse in this context.

The personal pronoun “I” or “Me” occurs in every statement Jesus makes in this chapter. How could He draw such attention to Himself, if He was not God, co-equal with the Father?

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"My Father's House" = the third Heaven, Paradise, the abode of God.

"Many mansions" – Many dwelling places . . . "Mansions" – *monai* (old word from *meno*, to abide, abiding places, in N.T. only here and verse 23 . . . Many places to live right with the Father.

Since these dwelling places are in the Father's House, they are the most beautiful, most wonderful, most luxurious, most enduring, of the highest quality in all creation. Hence, the translation "mansions" is quite appropriate.

"According to Jesus, heaven is a real place. It is not a product of religious imagination or the result of a psyched-up mentality, looking for 'pie in the sky by and by.' Heaven is the place where God dwells and where Jesus sits today at the right hand of the Father. Heaven is described as a kingdom (2 Peter 1:11), an inheritance (1 Peter 1:4), a country (Heb. 11:16), a city (Heb. 11:16), and a home (John 14:2).

"The word *Father* is used fifty-three times in John 13-17. Heaven is 'My Father's house,' according to the Son of God. It is 'home' for God's children! Some years ago, a London newspaper held a contest to determine the best definition of 'home.' The winning entry was, 'Home is the place where you are treated the best and complain the most.' The poet Robert Frost said that home is the place that, when you arrive there, they have to take you in. A good definition!"

(Wiersbe, pp. 349-50)

Since Jesus came from Heaven and since He is omniscient, He would have told His disciples if the arrangements were any different.

"I go to prepare a place for you" – By His going to Calvary and by His going to Heaven, Jesus went to make ready a literal place for His bride.

(Note: The domestic preparations are in perfect harmony with the Jewish marriage practices of the day, whereby the groom-to-be would be separated from His betrothed bride for a while [usually a year] to make preparations for their life together. He would then, at the right time, go to take His bride to his home to consummate a life-long marriage.)

"I go to prepare" – Notice who the builder is!

It is the Father's house, but Jesus is the carpenter of that house (the Carpenter of Nazareth is the builder of all things!).

Everything God ever made, He made through the instrumentality of His Son.

John 1:3

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Col. 1:16
For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Hebrews 1:2
Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

When our family purchased a home, I became a carpenter. However, my work is filled with defects. It is not so with the Carpenter of the Father's house!

As the hymn goes: "I've got a mansion just over the hilltop in that bright land where we'll never grow old. . ."

1 Cor. 2:9
But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

"A place for <u>you</u>" – meaning His disciples, true believers. No universalism here! Only believers in Christ are having their mansions built.

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Since preparations are being made for the Bride of Christ, He must return to bring His Bride to the home He constructed for her.

"I will come again" – I will return, I will come back.

"I" – His coming is <u>personal</u> (He will not stay in Heaven and send someone else on His behalf, although He will come with His holy angels).

"Will" – His coming is <u>certain</u>

"Come again" – His coming is to <u>this planet</u> (He will return to the same globe He walked on before).

The return of Christ is a doctrine taught throughout the New Testament. For example:

Matthew 24:30-31
And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. [31] And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

1 Thes. 4:16-17
For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: [17] Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

James 5:8-9
Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. [9] Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

"And <u>receive</u> you unto Myself" – *paralambano* – to take someone to His side.

This event is the Rapture (*paralambano* is also found in the Rapture text of Matthew 24:40-42 - "Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. "

"That where I am, there ye may be also" – The bride and groom must be together.

Why He would want us (wretched yet redeemed sinners) next to Him is beyond my understanding, yet He loves us!

This promise is fulfilled spiritually at the believer's death ("For to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord"), but it will be fulfilled physically at the resurrection of the just (as believers receive a new, transformed body – 1 Cor. 15:51ff).

III. *Jesus says:* I am your EXCLUSIVE BRIDGE to the Father's House (v.4-6)

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The disciples should have known both the place (**"where"**) and the path (**"way"**) of which Jesus spoke.

Doubting Thomas asks two questions: 1) Where? 2) How?

Jesus answers these in verse 6 –
"Where?" = unto the Father
"How?" = by Me

v. 6

The definite article **"the"** demonstrates Jesus to be the only way. . . the exclusive way.

There is no other!

He did not say, "I am a way…" as if to imply "I'm one among many." But no, He is the one and only way.

Not all paths lead to Heaven. Only one – and this one is the straight and narrow one - Matthew 7:13-14
Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: [14] Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

What today's world hates most about Christianity is its restricted message, its exclusive, one track, one way, no other road message.

Bible Christianity flies in the face of relativism. It is a dogmatic religion with absolutes.

"The way" = the road; you must walk on Jesus to get to Heaven.

"The truth" – He is the exclusive source of all truth. "The truth is in Jesus."

"The life" – He is the exclusive source of life (eternal and abundant life are found only in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ) (Rom. 6:23; Col. 3:4; Gal. 2:20; Jn. 10:10).

Jesus does not merely lead the way, teach the truth, or give the life. Rather, He IS each of these.

"No man cometh" - No exceptions!

Anyone trusting anyone other than Jesus will perish and never have a relationship to the Father and His abode.

But by Me" – through Me; or, by means of Me.