

“Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled”

John 14:1-11

Introduction:

- A. The twelve especially needed these words – had just been told:
 - 1. One of them would betray him. (13:21)
 - 2. Another would deny him three times. (13:36-38).
 - 3. He was going away and leave them behind. (13:33,36).
- B. We need the same *assurances* that Jesus gave to the twelve – let not your heart be troubled because:

Discussion:

I. Jesus Speaks For Heaven. (vs. 1, 8-11)

- A. He claimed to speak for with heaven’s authority. (v. 10; cf. Matt. 28:18-20).
 - 1. Authority to command -- “observe all things I have commanded”.
 - 2. Authority to promise -- “I am with you always”.
 - a. Promises to reward obedience (Mark 16:16; Heb. 5:8,9)
 - b. Promises to avenge disobedience (2 Thess. 1:7-9).
- B. He proved his claims by his works. (vs. 9-11; cf. John 20:30,31).

II. Jesus Has Returned To Heaven. (v. 2 cf. Acts 1:9; 2:33)

- A. Preparing a place for a prepared people.
- B. Preparing a people for a prepared place – by teaching us to love and enjoy things in heaven:
 - 1. Righteousness. (2 Pet. 3:13).
 - 2. Worshiping and serving God. (Rev. 4:10; 7:15)
 - 3. Submission to God. (1 Cor. 15:27,28).

III. Jesus Will Return From Heaven. (v. 3)

- A. Hope to Christians. (Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 1:10; 4:13-18)
- B. Puzzle to many people.
 - 1. How? (Acts 1:11).
 - 2. When? (Matt. 24:36; 1 Thess. 5:1-2; 2 Pet. 3:10).
 - 3. Where? (Rev. 1:7; 1 Thess. 4:17).
 - 4. Why? (1 Cor. 15:22-24; John 5:28, 29)

IV. Jesus Is Our Way To Heaven. (vs. 4-6).

- A. Going through Jesus involves many things. (Cf. Acts 8:4,5,12,35,36).
- B. Going through Jesus includes doing Father’s will. (Mt. 7:21-23)

Conclusion:

Since Jesus is the way to heaven, rather than being troubled let us:

- A. Get into Him and His body. (Rom. 6:3; 1 Cor. 12:13).
- B. Abide in Him and bear fruit. (John 15:5,6).
- C. Confidently and joyfully trust His promises and providence.