

Your Reserved Room **John 14:1-6**


Comfort: Jesus is preparing a place for us in heaven. (1-4)

- ◆ What's so special here about our *dwelling* in heaven? See 14:23
- ◆ Commands:
 - 1) *Don't be troubled*—Everyone is troubled now (12:27, 13:21), but who should really be comforting whom?
 - 2) *Believe in God / Me* could be two commands or a confirmation and a command. Idea = Jesus equates self w/God, as in 14:7ff. Note usage of *belief / trust* here as in 11:15, 14:11, 17:8, 20:29
- ◆ Jesus will *come again* = At our deaths? At rapture? At Second Coming? Parallel concepts with I Thess. 4:13-18 suggests the rapture is in mind here, but all three groups will end up in heaven.

Confusion over Jesus' leaving leads to Thomas' question. (5)

- ◆ Uncertainty of the disciples surfaces repeatedly in ch.14 . . .
 - (1) Thomas' confusion over Jesus' words about leaving in 14:5
 - (2) Philip's confusion about seeing the Father in 14:8
 - (3) Judas' confusion over Jesus' attitude on disclosure in 14:22
- ◆ Thomas wants literal directions for where Jesus is going (confusion from 13:36b), but Jesus answers with volitional directions.

Claim: Jesus is how people get a reservation in heaven. (6)

- ◆ *I am the way* (similar to *the door*, 10:7,9)
 - ◆ *I am the truth* (*full of truth*, 1:14)
 - ◆ *I am the life*, (*resurrection and life*, 11:25)
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- Exclusive
directions
to heaven**
- ◆ The necessity of going through Jesus alone to enjoy heaven is seen throughout NT teaching: Acts 4:12, I Tim. 2:5, Gal.1:4-8.
 - ◆ The disciples were very confused rather than comforted by Jesus' words about leaving / returning, but they had no confusion about His claim to be the one that grants eternal life in heaven (6:68). Today it is more and more becoming the opposite, and this confusion is creating controversy in the church.