

John 14

Let Not Your Heart be Troubled

Welcome back and here we go! Once again, as in all of the book of John, Jesus is claiming His deity. As always, He is very clear. *"If you have seen me, you have seen God."* For Jesus this is very counter intuitive! Why? Because of Moses!

Exodus 33:20

Deuteronomy 4:12

1 John 4:12

We will get to that soon. First let's read...

John 14

Jesus says ... *"Let not your heart be troubled..."*

- 1) How can this scripture (*John 14:1*) comfort you today?

There is a lot that can trouble us.... War in Israel, nuclear war, COVID,... obvious stuff. But also, finance, family, health and so many more things can leave us troubled. Jesus, in saying He has *prepared a place for us*, points us to our eternal future.

I can think back to times in my past, where things seemed impossible... yet, here I am.

- 2) How can you compare present issues with past things you have overcome?

Soon we will be in eternity. We could in fact be a part of the rapture! Jesus/God tries to give us comfort, just as He was helping the disciples to look to the future in eternity. They had real issues that would arise as followers of Christ. To me *John 14* is a chapter of comfort and reassurance. We all need that occasionally!

John 14:12-14

- 3) What does this mean to you?

There are a lot of ideas about this. The truth is, here He is talking about kingdom work. He ties the greater things and whatever you ask --- to kingdom work. What is it you are asking for? More ability to serve or to be served more?!

John 14:15-18 and 14:25-27

The promise of the Holy Spirit. What a wonderful promise.

4) How do you make the most out of your relationship with the Holy Spirit?

I teach Holy Spirit exercises here. This means things you can practice daily to strengthen your relationship with the part of the Godhead that dwells within you.

The Word says the Spirit will comfort, guide, teach, give gifts, produce fruit.... that we can actually walk in step with the Spirit daily.

5) How do you know when you are not in the Spirit?

We all need to be aware of when we are out of step.

John 14:27 'Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. '

6) How can you find peace in God today?

Let's do a Holy Spirit exercise now.

Let's pray for Israel.