

John #73

14:1-11

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“I Am the Way”

Intro: As we open to our text we find our Lord Jesus on the eve of the cross privately ministering to His disciples. With His public ministry immediately behind Him and the cross immediately before Him, He carefully and _____ spent His last hours _____ the disciples for what was to come.

A. As we open to the Scripture today it is my prayer that as we hear the Lord comforting His disciples that we too will hear _____.

B. If we will _____ the Words of Christ, _____ of our salvation, walking not by sight but by faith in Him, trusting in Him, then though the winds of adversity vehemently blow against us, and the rains torrentially descend upon us, nothing, but nothing will bring us to ruin!

I. Jesus _____ the disciples saying, “Let not your heart be troubled; ...”

A. What will _____ the troubled heart? What will displace consternation and bring peace to the troubled heart? Faith! Not just faith, but _____ that is placed in God and in His Son, the _____ Christ Jesus!

B. To _____ the disciples Jesus spoke of _____ as His Father’s house.

1. As the original language indicates, it is not that within the area of heaven that there are many individual mansions, but that within the _____ of God there are _____ magnificent rooms. Each of the heavenly abiding _____ are like a mansion within His heavenly mansion.

C. The _____ for which Christ was temporarily leaving His disciples was that He might return to His Father and in His Father’s home _____ a _____ for them!

D. _____ promised that just as He would _____ and prepare a place for His own (us), so would He _____ to receive His own (us) unto Himself.

1. Brother and sisters! We will _____ abide with Christ Jesus our Lord for He has prepared a place for us and will come again to receive us unto Himself. We will not live next door to God the Father and Christ our Lord, but _____!

II. Jesus further _____ the disciples by saying, "And _____ the way where I am going."

A. Thomas expressed the disciples' confusion by pleading with the Lord saying, in so many words, "Lord, _____ where you are going? And if we don't even know where you are going, then how can we know the way?"

B. _____ assured Thomas that they did know the way by declaring that He is the _____, the _____ and the _____.

1. There are not several ways to the Father's house for Jesus is _____ one and only, the _____, the select way to the Father's heavenly home.

2. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the (definite article) truth! It is not that Jesus knows truth or speaks the truth, though both are true, but it is that _____ the very embodiment of the _____.

3. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the (definite article) _____. He is the life and to know Him is to possess life _____.

C. Upon declaring Himself to be the way, the truth and the life, Jesus also pronounced the obvious: that no one can come to the Father except they _____ (believe in Him).

1. Let us be clear about the exclusivity of the message of truth: as God through His Word teaches, there is no way to God except that men come to Him _____ believing in Jesus Christ. There are not many paths to God, but one way only and Christ Jesus is that way!

Closing: Dearly beloved, there is no need for you to be troubled in heart! Christ Jesus sacrificially gave Himself upon the cross to bear your sin. He died and arose again, and ascended unto the Father. In His Father's house there are many dwelling places and He has prepared _____ if you will but believe in Him.

If you will _____ upon the Lord Jesus Christ exclusively, that _____ the way, the truth, and the life, then you will have found the _____ to God. And as He promised, Christ Jesus will receive you unto Himself that you might dwell in the house of the Lord forever, forever in the eternal presence of the Heavenly _____ and His blessed Son, the _____ who loved you and gave Himself for you.

Through His Written Word Jesus ministers to you today saying, "Let not your heart be troubled, believe in God, _____ in Me!" For "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but _____."