

Exegetical Notes, John 14:1-6 “The Way!”

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John 14:1-6

Verses 1-3

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^[a]; believe also in me.
² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you
that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a
place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be
where I am.*

- Jesus had just told the disciples that he would only be with them for a little while longer (John 13:33), and that they could not go with him to the place where he was going immediately (John 13:33 & 36). This had caused them great concern. Now, Jesus is giving them instructions which will help them through the period of his troubling absence.
- Through this period, their hearts should not be troubled.
- Through it they should believe/trust God.
- They should remind themselves that God was preparing a place for them in his house and that Jesus would come back to them to take them to the prepared place.

Verse 4

You know the way to the place where I am going.”

- Jesus then confused the disciples by telling them that they knew the way to get to the place which was being prepared for them.

Verse 5

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

- Out of his confusion, Thomas spoke out for the group. He told Jesus that none of them knew where he was going. So, it would be utterly impossible for them to know the way to that place.

Verse 6

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

- Jesus explained that HE was the way. Since they knew him they knew the way to place where he was going.

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