

**TITLE AND NUMBER:** 131. Jesus comforts His disciples



**REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S):** John 14:1-4

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

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? 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. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

**LOOKING FURTHER:** John 13:33-36; John 14:6; 2 Peter 1:11

### What does this Bible passage tell us?

This passage takes place during Jesus' last supper with His disciples before He is taken away and crucified.

He has just been warning His disciples that He will shortly be leaving them and they cannot go with Him. They are confused and dismayed and, in our passage, Jesus tries to comfort them. He tells them not to worry but to trust both in Him and the Father. He says He is going to prepare a place for them and that at some point in the future He will take them to be with Him.

The passage ends with Jesus saying they know the way to this place. If we read beyond this passage, we hear Jesus say that He is the way (v.6).

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YOUR HEARTS  
BE TROUBLED**

Today, this passage is often read at funerals to comfort people in their grief. We have no details as to what life after death will be like, but we do know that it will be a wonderful new life with Jesus and we need not be afraid. Jesus says that He is the way to this new life. We should therefore try our best to do as He says now so that when we see Him face to face we 'will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.'

### Reflections:

- Think about what life might be like with Jesus. Does it fill you with excitement or fear?
- If you are fearful, remember that Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled,' and ask Him how you can be the person He wants you to be.
- Bring before Jesus in prayer the things you are ashamed of, ask for His forgiveness and for strength to follow the path He wants you to take.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

