



Sermon: "Words of Comfort and Promise"

Scripture: John 14:1-14

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John records 3 facts in the end of chapter 13;

- 1) Jesus's leaving (death) is imminent
- 2) People would look for Him
- 3) No one could go with Him.

I-Don't Be agitated- v.1-2

A-Jesus was not giving the disciples new information. The disciples had now come to test time.

B-Jesus told the disciples what to believe in this difficult time, and He gave them promises to strengthen them.

- 1- Believe in me! V.1
- 2- I (Jesus) and the Father are one. V.7
- 3- I am the way, the truth and the life. V.6
- 4- Believe that I am in the Father and that He is in Me. V.10

C-When trouble comes, you have to go back to the basics.

John 20:30-31

II-Jesus also gave promises- v.2-11

A-The Father's house has many rooms- v.2

- 1- Dwelling Places-
- 2- The groom in Near Eastern marriage customs had to prepare a dwelling place for his bride after the betrothal.
- 3- 'I go to prepare a place'. *Monai*- many dwelling places.

B-V.3 'If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again...'

Jesus told them He would return from the dead and also He would return to receive His bride.

C-V. 8 Philip was asking for a theophany.

- 1-Jesus told them they did not need a theophany.
- 2-12:45 "Whoever sees me has seen Him who sent me.

One of the key elements in John's gospel account is the stress on the signs as a pointer to faith.

III-Greater works you will do- v.12-14

This is not a name it and claim it statement.

A-It is a promise that greater results occur when we pray in Jesus's name and for the Father's glory.

1-Prayers offered in Jesus's name and for the continuation of His ministry will be answered as if He prayed them Himself.

2-To speak or act in someone's name is to act on that person's behalf or in pursuit of His interests.

3-The Lord will grant requests that do not contradict His nature or oppose His plan.

Promises- Comfort because of who He is..... Because He will care for them in the future.....

Promises that guide each of us in our lives until Jesus returns.

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application:

What are promises that God has given in this book that have already spoken to you?

How do you react to the statement 'let not your hearts be troubled'?

Can we get to the place where we don't get troubled in this life?

Why is Jesus's statement in verse 10 that the words He says are not of His own authority.... supposed to give comfort?

What is Jesus saying in this verse?

In just a day, Jesus will be taken into custody. Do you think that Jesus's teaching in this last night makes sense when they are... In the Garden?, When Jesus is in High Priest's chambers?, When He is carrying His cross to Golgotha?