

COMFORT FOR TROUBLED SOULS

John 14:1-6
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INTRODUCTION: UNDERSTANDING CONTEXT

Any time you want to understand something, you have to consider the context. Words can have a variety of meanings and emphases depending on the context.

John 13:33, 36; 14:1-6, 18, 19, 27, 28; 16:5-6, 16, 28, 29, 30

? Why are they so bothered?

They were sad at the prospect of losing a friend, that was part of it, but it was deeper than that.

John 6:67-69

They had an idea in their minds that when Messiah came, He would remain with them forever. (John 12:34)

Isaiah 9:6, 7

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;
And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be
no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David
and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and
righteousness From then on and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.

They had no category in their minds for a Messiah who left them.

Proposition: God's plan is bigger than we comprehend, so we need not be troubled when life doesn't go as we think it should.

Jesus offers three sources of comfort to encourage His friends and us.

I. YOU ALREADY KNOW HOW TO RELATE TO ME BEING ABSENT, V. 1

Is it 2 imperatives, or 1 imperative and 1 indicative?

The disciples' primary question is:

? How can we have a relationship with Jesus?

John 20:29; 1 Peter 1:8

II. ME LEAVING NOW GUARANTEES THAT WE WILL BE TOGETHER FOREVER, VV. 2, 3

A. IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY ROOMS

Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many rooms."

Many rooms=living space

B. IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY ROOMS

John 14:23.

C. YOU WILL BE WITH ME ALWAYS

? How do we know that this isn't a trick?

III. YOU ALREADY KNOW HOW TO GET TO WHERE I AM GOING, VV. 4-6

Fear is often caused by lack of knowledge.

A. THOMAS OBJECTS, V. 5

1. We Don't Know Where You are Going.
2. How Can We Know the Way?

A. I AM GOING TO THE FATHER, V. 6

From this point on Jesus emphasizes the location.

John 14:12, 28 ; 16:10, 17, 28

B. I AM THE WAY, V. 6

John 10:9

1. I Am The Truth

Jesus came full of grace and truth.

John 3:21; 4:23, 24; 5:33; 8:32, 40, 44-46

Truth

The standard by which we judge reality.

2. I Am The Life

John 5:26

John 1:4

CONCLUSION: COMFORT FOR US

APPLICATION:

Don't let your heart be troubled.