

### Mid-week Bible Study - week commencing 31st May 2020

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## 'I am going to Prepare a Place for You' Jesus Christ

#### This weeks reading - John 14:1-6 (ESV)

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.



<sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Jesus said, 'in my fathers house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also'.

What a promise!



Later, after Jesus' crucifixion, an angel told Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, *(and us)* "do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said". Matthew 28: 5-6.

So, Jesus's words have come to pass; his word has proved to be true! He rose from the dead, and his own promise to the disciples, including us is also true!

- He has gone ahead
- He is triumphant, and victorious
- He is preparing a place for us
- We, his beloved, will be with him forever.

He has not deserted us, by going away. He has won the victory in which we partake. He is our shepherd, as he tends our needs, for shelter, food, water and protection.



And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me", Matthew 28: 18

#### A final thought...

As Jesus is preparing a place for us ...'we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good'! *Romans 8: 28* 

### Some questions for meditation and discussion.

- Have you ever, as a parent worked to prepare your child's room?
- Did you experience great excitement and love as you worked?
- How much love and creativity and dedication did you pour into it?
- Could you contain your self, as you waited for their reaction when they saw it?



If not for children, maybe you prepared a special space for a pet, or a spouse?



