"An Honest Question"

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John 14:1

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

The disciples were troubled because they did not know what Jesus' <u>departure</u> would mean for their relationship with Him.

John 14:2

"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?"

The "rooms" in the Father's house are not for short stays but for a <u>permanent</u> residence.

John 14:3

"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."

By His death on the cross, Jesus makes all the <u>arrangements</u> for you to dwell in the Father's house.

By His resurrection, Jesus returns to life to guarantee the same for you.

John 14:4

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

The disciples should have known that the answer was right in front of them.

John 14:5

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

True to form, Thomas asks an honest question that many others may also have had.

John 14:6

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

Jesus reveals the only way to the true God is to come to Him through faith in Jesus.

The answer to Thomas's honest question becomes <u>the message</u> disciples share throughout the world.

Acts 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.