

The Night Before He Bled

Week 2: Trust

Weekly Summary: Fear filled the hearts of Jesus' friends that night, especially after Jesus' chilling words of denial. But that made Jesus' promise all the sweeter. He was going to prepare a place for us. He would be the way to get to the Father. We could trust in him when our hearts are troubled. That's the peace we need when we realize the sinfulness of our hearts.

- ◆ John 14:1 - "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me."

- ◆ When your heart is **troubled**...

- ◆ John 14:1-3 - "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me. 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? 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."

- ◆ BELIEVE that **heaven** is for real.

- ◆ John 14:4-6 - "You know the way to the place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

- ◆ BELIEVE that **Jesus** alone connects you to GOD.

Points to Ponder

1. Discuss with someone times in your life when you have been particularly troubled. Think of examples related to 1) an unexpected change of circumstances 2) a sin you committed.
2. In a typical week, how often do you find yourself thinking about eternal life in the presence of God? Think of ways your daily life might look different if you intentionally directed your thoughts there more often.
3. Reread John 14:6 and explain how the following two statements are *both* true. Christianity is the most exclusive religion in the world. Christianity is the most inclusive religion in the world.

Homework For Next Week: John 14:15-31