

I AM: The Way and the Truth and the Life

John 14:1-6: Part 1 4/08/2018

¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. ¹⁴ For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.
—Matthew 7:13-14

-Ask the Lord to help our hearts trust He is the narrow way that leads to life

This is who I AM: I Am the Way and the Truth and the Life: John 14:1-6

The Recognition of the Eleven's Troubled Hearts

v. 1a

"Do not let your heart be troubled;

-When others withdrew, They continued to believe & follow (John 6:66-69)

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.⁶⁹ We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."

-They had found the way leading to eternal life & would not leave it

-When others opposed, They heard Christ's response (John 7:33-34, 8:21-24)

³³...*"For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me.*

³⁴ *You will seek Me, & will not find Me; & where I am, you cannot come."*

²¹...*"I go away, & you will seek Me, & will die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come.... You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. ²⁴ Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am (He), you will die in your sins."*

-Christ's response to those wanting to seize Him (time hadn't come)

-You won't find me & cannot come

-You will die in your sin and cannot come where I am going

-Unless you believe that I AM (He) you will die in your sins

-When the time for Glory was announced, They heard they could not follow

³¹... *"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him; ³² if God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him immediately. ³³ Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'*

-They wanted Christ's glory to be revealed so they could be rewarded

-Glory to them meant establishing the Kingdom on Earth

-Jesus announced that glory was immediate (Come into His Own)

-Jesus said they could not come where he was going

-When Peter heard, He questioned & pledge his life (John 13:36-37)

³⁶ Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered, "Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but you will follow later."³⁷ Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You."

-You cannot follow now, but you will follow later

-You are not able to bear the price

The Reminder to Trust in God and Jesus Christ

v. 1b

(You) believe in God, believe also in Me.

-You trust the promised word, trust the Present Word

-Faith is required in the face of the unknown

-Those who know Jesus must remember He's as trustworthy as God

The Reason for Christ's Departure

v. 2-3

² *In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. ³ If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.*

-A Promise & A Pledge

-A Proposal

-There is Room for Many

-Preparation must be Made

(Go ahead to clear a path, Go home to prepare a room)

-A Promised Return for an Eternal Union