Introduction:
1. Anything in life worthwhile requires preparation.
2. The same is equally true in the Christian life. We must prepare ourselves for eternity.

Proposition: “Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.”

Interrogative: How do we ensure that we are prepared of heaven?

Transition: In this lesson we will examine the prepared citizens of heaven.

I. A PREPARED PLACE
   A. JESUS COMFORTS
      1. The disciples were distressed over the things Jesus had told them.
         a. He spoke of one who would betray Him -13:18-22
         b. He spoke of His departure -13:36
         c. He predicted Peter’s denial -13:37, 38
      2. “Let not your heart be troubled…”
         a. Jesus would soon go through a trial process and then crucifixion.
         b. His disciples would need solid faith in Him
      3. Believe in God; Believe in Jesus
         a. One cannot believe or accept one without the other.
         b. Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah they had been searching for.
         c. Jesus would establish His kingdom, just not in the way most would think.
   
   B. JESUS PREPARES
      1. His Father’s house is a reference to heaven.
      2. There are many mansions (or dwelling places; ie. Plenty of room for all).
      3. Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us.
         a. We have a place reserved for us -1Pe 1:3-5
         b. We have a house not made with hands -2Co 5:1-8
   
   C. JESUS RETURNS
      1. Although Jesus announced He is going away, He assures them He will return.
      2. No man knows the hour of His return -Mt 24:36
      3. We take comfort in His return -1Th 4:13-18
II.  **A PREPARED PEOPLE**

A. THE QUESTION: “How can we know the way?”
   1. Jesus said, “…the way you know.” - vs. 4
   2. Thomas asked, “…how can we know the way?”
      a. Jesus indicated there was something to do to obtain eternal life.
      b. Thomas sought for deeper insight.
   3. Observations about Jesus’ answer:
      a. The definite article is used in all three cases.
      b. This indicates that Jesus first is God, second that He is exclusive.

B. THE ANSWER: “I Am the Way”
   1. Jesus provided the way by laying down His life for us - Ro 5:6-9
   2. There is no other way to God, but through Him - Ac 4:12
   3. The church was referred to as “The Way” six times in the book of Acts.
      (9:2; 19:9, 23; 22:4; 24:14, 22)

C. THE ANSWER: “I Am the Truth”
   1. Jesus is God - Jn 1:1
      a. Jesus spoke the words of the Father - Jn 14:10, 24
      b. It is impossible for God to lie - He 6:18, Ti 1:2
      c. There was no deceit found in the mouth of Jesus - 1Pe 2:22
   2. We can have absolute confidence in the words of Jesus regarding our salvation.

D. THE ANSWER: “I Am the Life”
   1. Jesus is the giver of physical life - Jn 1:3
   2. Jesus is the giver of spiritual life - Jn 3:36
   3. Ultimately, Jesus gives us eternal life
      a. He is the author of salvation - He 5:9
      b. He redeemed us with His precious blood - 1Pe 1:18, 19

E. THE ANSWER: I Am the Exclusive
   1. “No one comes to the Father except through Me.”
      a. This eliminates the idea that there are many paths that lead to heaven.
      b. This eliminates the idea that the nearest light will lead one to heaven.
   2. To reject Christ, is to forfeit eternal salvation.

**Conclusion:**
   1. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. We want to be prepared!
   2. To be prepared, we must heed the warning of Jesus who said, “Watch!” - Mt 24:42-44