

# GOSPEL OF JOHN

Lesson #9 -A Place Prepared

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-6

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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