

The Cure for Troubled Hearts

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I. Introduction. Text: John 14:1-11.

II. Let not your hearts be troubled.

A. The disciples could do something about a troubled heart—they held the key to release.

B. The remedy.

1. Believe in God.

2. Believe in Jesus.

C. The Lord promises to come again to reassure the disciples' fear.

1. Death need have no fear.

2. Life need have no fear because of the Spirit.

III. The answer to fear is faith.

IV. Four revelations of the life to come.

A. What will happen will happen in the Father's house. The whole universe is the Father's house.

B. Jesus goes to prepare a place for the believer.

1. This may be a new heavens and a new earth.

2. He left to prepare heaven for His believers.

C. Jesus will come again and take the believer to Himself.

1. It is a certain coming.

2. This is an answer to the problems of history and the death of the believer. (Psalm 23)

D. Jesus is the way to the Father.

1. The disciples knew where Jesus was going, but they did not know He was going there.

2. Jesus is the truth about the Father. (Matthew 11)

3. Jesus is the exclusive way to the Father.

4. The words and works of Jesus testify that Jesus is from the Father.

Application questions:

1. Have you ever been afraid of death? How does John 14 bring new light on that experience?

2. What are the different ways that the believer receives comfort from Jesus' claims in this passage?

3. How would you respond to someone who claims Christianity is narrow because its message is exclusive? Explain.
