

Sunday May 2, 2021

John 14:1-7 Addressing Troubled Hearts with a Vision of the New Creation

1. Skim the chapters (12 and 13) preceding our text. What would have contributed to the disciples troubled hearts that Jesus addresses in the text? What realities in our world presently trouble your heart?

Read John 14:1-7

2. (1-4) In the sermon Tim pulled out the 1st c. marriage customs that sit behind this text. That the groom would return to his father's house to prepare a place for his bride before returning to begin the wedding festivities. The marriage that Jesus points to is a marriage of heaven and earth, where God's kingdom comes in its fullness, where his will is done on earth as in heaven. What do you anticipate such a marriage will look like?
3. Jesus says I am the way there. What are some of the ways we can stay connected to Jesus by faith?
4. Jesus says I am the truth – I have pointed to the reality of what it looks like for heaven and earth to meet in all that I have said and done. How has Jesus shown us what his kingdom (where heaven and earth meet) looks like?
5. Later in the chapter (vs. 12) Jesus will say if you believe and trust in me you will do the works I do and more. How does Jesus anticipate we will live into the truth of his kingdom?
6. I am the life – he is pointing to the promise of the coming Spirit. Chapters 14 through 16 are all about the person, work and power of the Spirit. How do these opening verses help us to understand the work of the Spirit?
7. How would these words have addressed the troubled hearts of the disciples? How do they address your troubled heart?