



## JOHN 14:1-11 | THE UPPER ROOM: COMFORT AND INSTRUCTION

- Verse 1 –
  - In the previous verse Jesus speaks directly to Peter. Now He shifts and speaks to the full group. Note that without context this is only readily seen in the King James Version or in Greek.
  - The disciples in the upper room did **believe in God** and had done so even before Jesus came among them. Jesus now asks them to **believe also in me**. Since they had (on several occasions) expressed their belief that Jesus was Messiah, the emphasis here must not have been faith in His identity, but rather belief in His knowledge of short-term events.
- Verse 2 –
  - What is **my Father's house**?
    - The exact phrase is used in [John 2:16](#) and speaks of the Temple.
    - However, in broader interpretation, [Psalm 33:13-14](#) speaks of God's **habitation** as being heaven, and [Isaiah 63:15](#) speaks of heaven as **the habitation of thy holiness**.
    - So, is this reference to *the Temple* or to *heaven*? That fact that Jesus said **I go to prepare a place**, and the implication is that He will go to the **Father's house** seems to indicate that the reference is to Heaven (where Jesus would go).
    - However, since the millennial Temple is the heavenly temple ([Ezek. 40-43](#)), it could be argued that the house is the future, millennial Temple.
    - In the end, the context seems to be of the earthly reign of Christ, especially since “dwelling in heaven” was not a concept given up to this point of progressive revelation.
  - Are their **many mansions** in this place?
    - The Greek *μονή* [mone] is literally *a dwelling place*.
    - The English word comes from the Latin. The Oxford English Dictionary has this etymological entry for *mansion*: “classical Latin *mansiōn-*, *mansiō* the fact of remaining or staying, a dwelling or place where one stays, especially a stopping place on a journey, also a day's journey < *mans-*, past participial stem of *manēre* to stay”
    - In English, the word *manse* and *manor* come from the same Latin word.
    - The modern *mansion* idea came after the use of the word in 1611, but **mansion** is not inaccurate in its 1611 usage.
- Verse 3 –
  - Jesus fulfilled the **if I go** when He ascended to heaven, and the hypothetical became definitive.
  - Having *gone*, Jesus **will come again**. When He does, He will **receive you unto myself**.
    - Both in this and the statement **where I am, there ye may be also** indicates that the disciples *will not be where Jesus is*.

