

“When will he come?” John14:1-3

At the Communion we read, “Until he comes”. How do these words make you feel? If we were to summarize our emotions, what words would we hear?

- **Discomfort?** All your mistakes will be revealed. Books will be opened and names read out. God is holy and you are not.
- **Denial?** Is how you deal with the **discomfort**? We prefer answers and explanations. So, you opt not to think about it! If he comes, fine. If not, again fine. I’ll get on with living.
- **Disappointment?** A mother to be might. Or an engaged couple might.

How does God want us to feel?

¹*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God^[a]; trust also in me. I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.”* **Trust in God and trust in me. I will come back!**

Don’t be troubled by the return of Christ.

- You do the trusting. He will do the taking.
- The return of Christ is not a riddle to be solved or a code to be broken, **but a day to be anticipated!**

1. I have ample space for you. 2 In my Father’s house are many rooms.

“We have no room for you here”.

- Have you heard it in the workplace? “Sorry, we don’t have room for you in our business.”
- In the sports. “We have no room for you in our team.”
- From someone you love. “I don’t have room for you in my heart.”
- Maybe you heard it from a Church? Not in words, but actions, the message you heard was “We don’t have room for your type in here!”

Jesus knew those words.

- While still in Mary’s **womb**, the Innkeeper said, “We don’t have room for you here.”
- In his **hometown**, they tried to stone him. “We have no room for you here.”
- **The Jewish leaders** had no room for him.
- He was hung on a Cross. **“We will not have this man to reign over us.”**

Even today, he is given the same treatment. “No room in my heart for you.”

BUT, sometimes he is welcomed. Someone throws open their heart. To those, he says, **“Trust in God and trust in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms.”**

What a delightful promise! We make room for him in our hearts, and he

makes room for us in his house! His house has ample space.

2. I have prepared a place for you. 2 I am going to prepare a place for you. Sometimes, when we go on holiday, we are unsure what our accommodation will be like.

- Many may make a place for us, but it is on their conditions.
- It is different for Jesus. He is preparing a place for us!
- He knows our needs.
- He is preparing the **perfect place** for you.
- “Heaven is the perfect place for people made perfect!”

3. I will keep my word. 3 I will come back and take me to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Note of certainty. “Don’t be troubled. Trust God. There are many rooms” all are words of **kindness**. **“I will come back.”**

- Many years ago, I was hill walking in Edinburgh. My wife and two infant daughters were here in Sydney. As I walked, I fell and broke my ankle. With my crutches, my leg in plaster, and the house surrounded with ankle deep snow, I was helpless. On the phone from Sydney Dianne said “I will come back!”
- Now, if anyone had asked, “Are you sure she will come back?” Or if they had told me (as was the case!) that no planes were getting out of Sydney because of a bomb scare. I would have shrugged my shoulders. **Why? Just because she said she would.**
- And that is why I believe Jesus will come back. **Simply because he said he would!**
- We do not know **when** he will come for us.
- We do not know **how** he will come for us.
- We don’t even know **why** he will come for us.
- But most of all we have **faith in his promise**. Faith that he has ample space and a prepared place and, at the right time, he will **come** so that we can be where he is.
- **He will do the taking. It is up to us to do the trusting.**