

## A PLACE FOR YOU

### John 14:1-3

It was Passion Week in Jerusalem. At least that is what Christians call the final week of Jesus' life on earth. Jesus knew He was going to the Cross. He had announced to His disciples that He was going to leave them. Soon His assuring words to them would be: *"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."* (John 14:18) To their fear-flooded minds, unnerved spirits and disquieted hearts Jesus spoke calming words designed to hold them steady as they walked the Road to Easter. They had never experienced an "Easter." He said to them: *"I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."* (John 14:2,3) Yes! A place! As we walk the Road to Easter may we hear the same words of comfort from Jesus as He faced the horrific trial and scourging, the bitter sting of the cross, but a fantastic Easter morning ... and empty tomb! **A place ... prepared!** Then, and only then can we know with certainty that **place** is for us too!

**A place** where the bitter hours of human loneliness have been eternally banished by the forever-presence of the **Loving Savior**;

**A place** where the tears of broken hearts have been gently and forever wiped away by the tender touch of the **Triumphant Savior**;

**A place** where the chilling fear of death at the end of life has faded forever into the eternal victory of the **Resurrected Savior**;

**A place** where the crying of the bitter tears of earth's heartaches have been silenced and then transformed into songs of adoration given to the **Gracious Savior**;

**A place** where pain and suffering because of earth's diseases, sicknesses, and tragedies will never again plague the immortal bodies of those redeemed by the **Magnificent Savior**;

**A place** void of cowardice, unbelief, cruelty, hatred, murder, immorality, false worship, idolatry, and lying because these will be cast forever into the lake of fire and brimstone by the **Mighty Savior**;

**A place** where the darkness of earth's bitter moments of sorrow has faded forever before the brilliant light of the glory of the **Eternal Savior**;

**A place** where the thirsting sons and daughters of earth will never have a longing for a drink of cool water, because the fountain of living water will flow from the hand of the **Living Savior**;

**A place** where the pangs of hunger will never be felt as the redeemed of all the ages partake of the fruit of the tree of life in the midst of the Garden of Glory, planted by the **Creating Savior**;

**A place** where the broken hearts of those who suffered earth's tragedies have been healed by the loving touch of the **Gentle Savior**;

**A place** where there is no longer any need for the sun, the moon, and the stars to light the heavens, for there is no night there, and heaven's light is the glory of God and the **Beautiful Savior**;

**A place** where the nations of earth will no longer fight their wars of jealousy, pride, and greed, where peace reigns from the throne of the **Sovereign Savior**;

**A place** where those who overcome by the blood of the Lamb, whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, the redeemed from all the ages, from every nation, tribe, and tongue, from every village, hamlet, and city, from every forest and plain, from every mountain and valley will be there to join in singing the eternal praises: ***Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing! Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!*** (Revelation 5:12, 13b)

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