

**"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan****JOHN 14****John 14**

John 14 is a classic case of a chapter division causing a lack of continuity in the mind of the reader unless they are aware of the uninspired nature of those divisions. First, let me say that we are all so grateful for the chapter and verse divisions. The Chapter divisions first were added to our English Bibles in the thirteenth century, 1225 A.D. The verse divisions did not appear as they are in our Bibles today until the sixteenth century, 1551 A.D. But as helpful as they are, there are times when they divide where there is not a natural division in the text. As an example, from both Old and New Testaments, you can see this in the first two chapters of Genesis. The summary of creation given by Moses does not end until what we reference as Genesis 2:3. The more detailed statement, which is the further delineation and explanation of the apex of God's creation, man, does not begin until what we reference as Genesis 2:4 when Moses gives the first division of ten major divisions or natural chapters of the story that would, under inspiration, be handed down to the succeeding generations as the "Book of Beginnings."

John 14 seems out of place unless the closing paragraphs of John 13 are read without a Chapter 14 stop-and-start. The reason Jesus said what He did in "Chapter 14" is because of the conversations ending in chapter 13, not a new period or separate event. Jesus saw the disciples crestfallen after He gave the news that

Peter, the leader of the disciples, would deny the Lord three times before the crowing of the rooster, not 24 hours from that moment. Knowing that Jesus was never wrong and always accurate and correct in what He said would happen, the disciples were distraught! Jesus immediately speaks the comforting words of John 14:1-6 in particular.

***"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. 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. And where I go you know, and the way you know."***  
***Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:1-6)***

Jesus reminded them that even though He was going away, He would return. While He was away, He would prepare a place for them where they could all be together in ***"the Father's house,"*** another name for the eternal estate where we will be with and serve God forever. He also reminded them that knowing Him was the only doorway to the Father and that only those who love the Son will see the Father.

**Prayer and Action Steps**

*Lord, thank You for Your forgiveness even when we deny Your name. Thank You that You are able to restore us and cleanse us from sin. Thank You for preparing a place where we can be with You and have eternal life. Thank You for preparing a place for me. Amen*