



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Jesus' Outstanding Promise: 'I'll Come Again'

Jesus' Imminent Departure (13:33)

Jesus' Parting Promise— '*I will Come Again*' (14:2-3)

- John 14:2-3 "is a promise regarding the individual future of each disciple 'in the Father's house'." –L. Scott Kellum
- Where is Jesus Going?
- It's not about place (location), but relationship
- Jesus is going to his 'Father's House' — the Believers' Final State & Ultimate Destination

'My Father's House with Many Rooms' (14:2)

- A. God's Heavenly Home or the End-time Temple?
- B. "My Father's House" is *Not* the Church, the Body of Christ
- C. The "Many Rooms" in the "Father's House"
 1. "Heaven is not primarily about a place... but There are 'many dwelling places' in the Father's house because *each person's relationship with God is unique & cannot be replicated.*" — Dennis J. Billy

Jesus' Promised Return— "*I Will Come Again*" (14:3; Acts 1:10-11; 22:7, 12, 20)

- A. "*This is the clearest example of a statement by Jesus regarding his 2nd coming in all 4 Gospels*" –Edward Klink

- B. The Majority View— *"I Will Come Again"*: Jesus' 2nd Coming—an End-time Event
- C. A Popular Interpretation Dismissed —*Not* Coming for Christians at their death

John 14 Jesus' Coming –Multiple Aspects

- A. Jesus' Coming to receive the believers—the Ultimate End-time Event (14:2-3)
- B. Jesus Coming to the disciples in Resurrection (14:18-20)
 - 1. Jesus' Resurrection Appearances: "the world will no longer see me, but *you will see me.*" (14:19)
 - 2. Jesus coming to indwell the believers: (14:18, 20)
 - 3. Jesus' Coming with (in/as?) the Holy (14:17-18)
- C. Believer's Present Realization of the Father & Son's Indwelling (14:21-23)
 - 1. "We see in John the present realization of eschatological [End-time]" –Stephen Um
 - 2. 14:23 "clearly refers...to the present communion of believers with Jesus through the This...shifts the *believer's hope from the eternal future to the present...without denying the future coming of Jesus.*" –R. Alan Culpepper
 - 3. *This "coming" is neither the resurrection nor the Parousia... It's a mystical union of awesome* — J. Ashton
- D. This indwelling is explicitly individualistic— *"We will come...& make our home with him/her."* (14:23)
 - 1. "It's essentially not a world-wide manifestation, but a *secret, private coming to each individual...*" – Moule
- E. Not Conflating Different Aspects of Jesus' Coming
 - 1. Jesus' 'Coming again' (14:2-3) — not an all-encompassing concept
 - 2. Distinct aspects (14:2-3, 18-19, 23); one doesn't negate the others
 - 3. Not denying, discounting, or 'spiritualizing' John's Future End-time Coming (14:2-3)
 - 4. Not subsuming one aspect into others

Dealing with the 'Delay' in Christ's Coming (Habakkuk 2:3; 2 Peter 3:8-9)