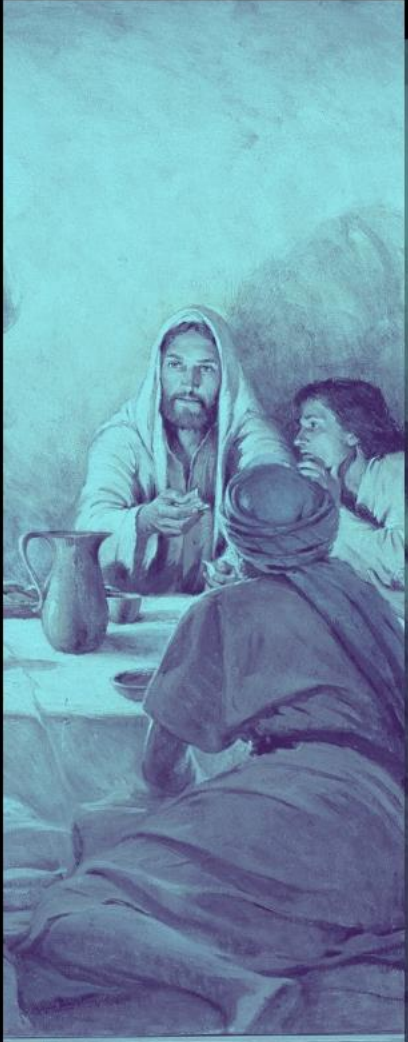




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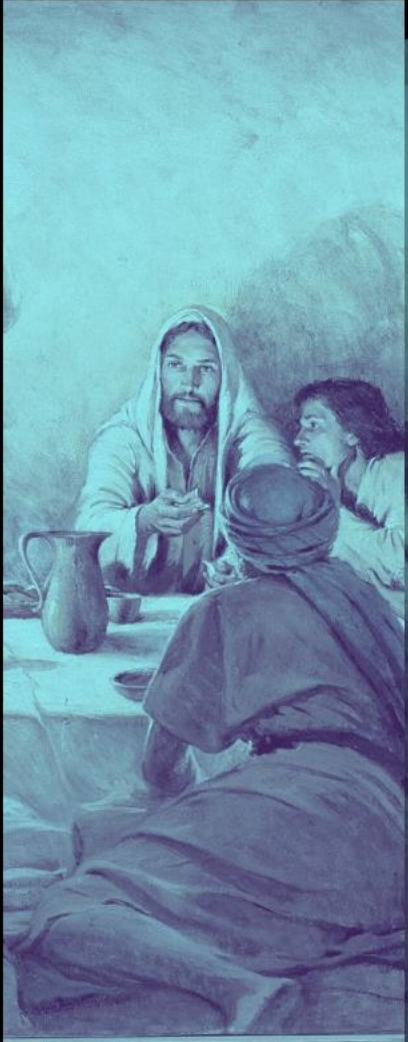
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What is “My Father’s house” referring to?

- “*house*” – *oikia*; “is akin to *oikos*, and used much in the same way” (VINE) (5x in John)
 - “(1) a structure used as a dwelling, house; (2) social unit within a dwelling, household, family” (BDAG)

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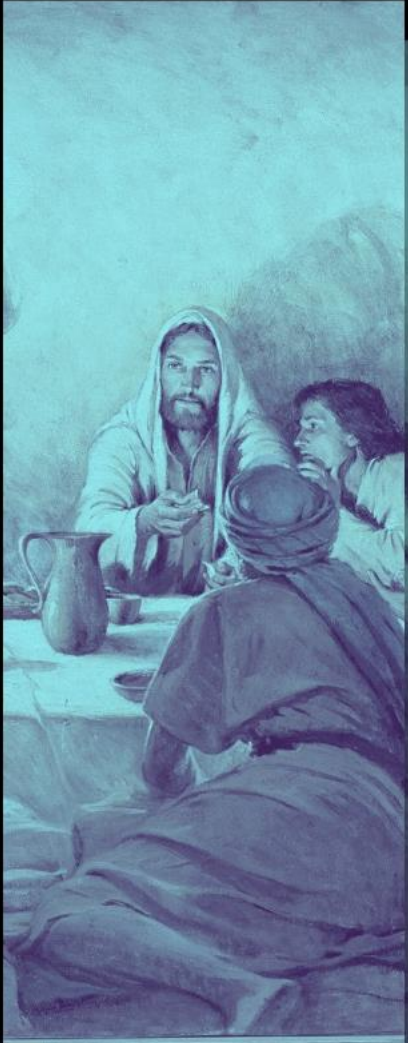
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- Temple? – **John 2:15-16** (*oikos*); (*oikia* – **John 11:31; 12:3** – physical structure)

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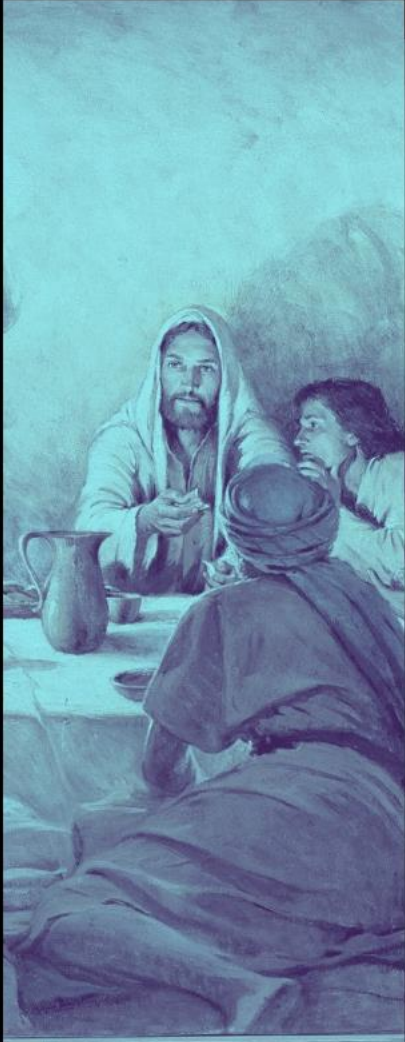
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- Family? – **John 4:53; 8:35** (*oikia*) (of God)
 - *Oikos* – **1 Timothy 3:15; Hebrews 3:5-6; 10:21; 1 Peter 2:5; 4:17** – of God.
- Heaven? – **Psalm 33:13-14**
 - NOTE: *oikia* and *oikos* are never used in the scripture, LXX or NT, in reference to heaven. (cf. **Acts 7:47-40** – in negative).

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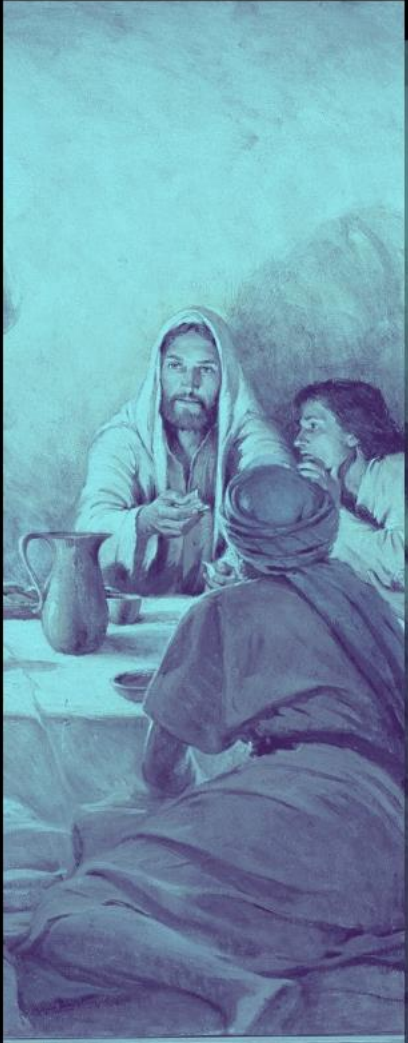
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- *monē* – a staying, i.e. residence (the act or the place) (STRONG) (2x – **John 14:2, 23**)
 - “There is nothing in the word to indicate separate compartments in heaven” (VINE)
- “*mansions*” (KJV, ASV, NKJV)
- “*dwelling places*” (NASB, LSB); “*rooms*” (ESV)

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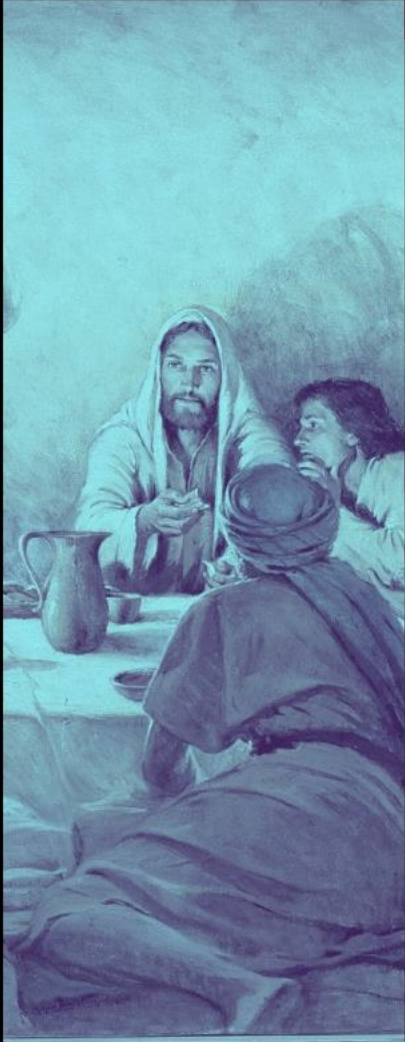
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How will Jesus “come again?”

- Is **John 14:1-3** a reference to Jesus’ second, personal coming?
- Will Jesus come in another way? (I.e. not personal/literal?)
 - Via the Holy Spirit – **John 14:18**
 - Via the preaching of the gospel – **Acts 3:26**

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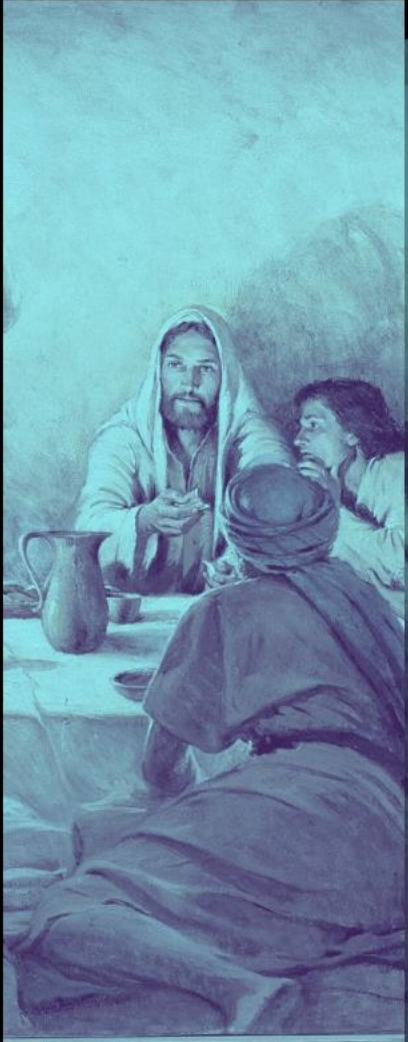
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When Jesus receives them to Himself where will they be?

- Heaven? – **John 17:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17**
- Heavenly places now? – **Ephesians 2:4-6**
- Kingdom now? – **Matthew 26:29**
- As they do His work now? – **Matthew 28:20**

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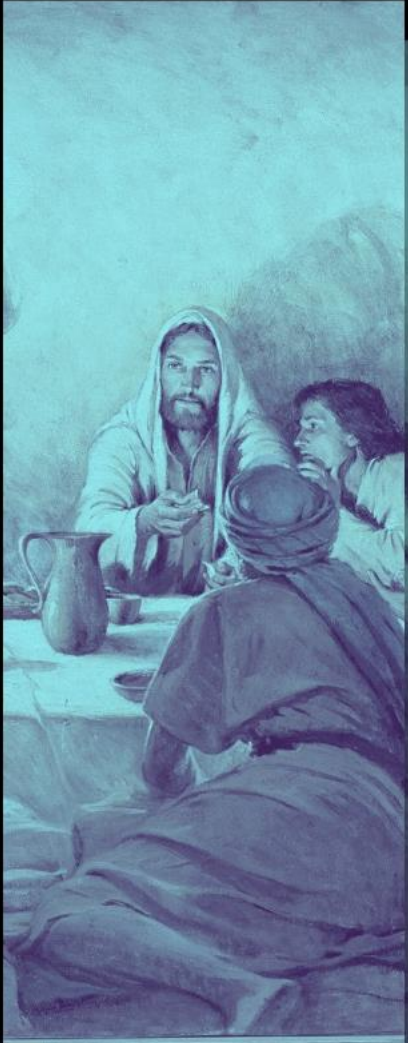
Their Troubled Hearts

Why were their hearts troubled?

- Their position in the kingdom – **Luke 22:24-30**
- Their foretold scattering – **Matthew 26:31**
- Jesus' departure – **John 13:33, 36; 16:5-6**
- NOTE: Their focus for Jesus' entire ministry has been on the coming kingdom. (cf. **Acts 1:6**)

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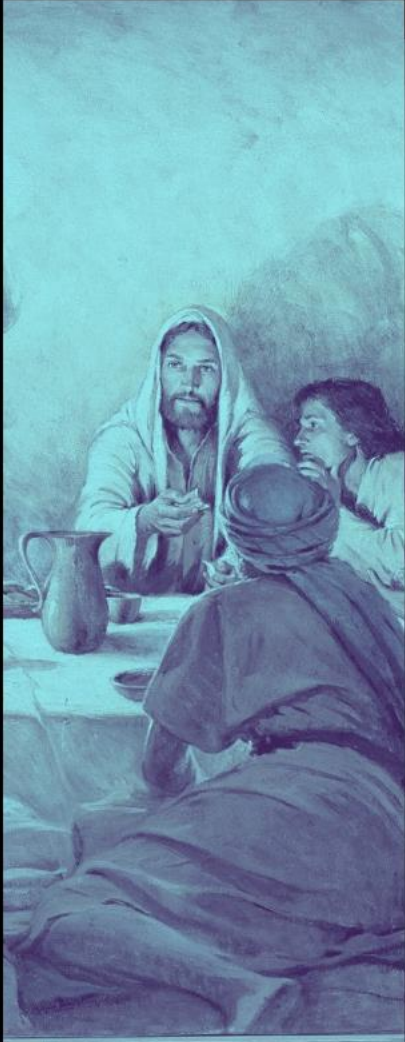
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Where is Jesus' comfort?

- If **verses 1-3** refer to heaven, the rest of the context is a shift in focus to their work in the kingdom by the Holy Spirit (**v. 16**).
- (**vv. 1, 27**) – “*Let not your heart be troubled*” – act as bookends in the context.
- The whole upper room discourse is about their coming work in the kingdom, aided by the Holy Spirit.

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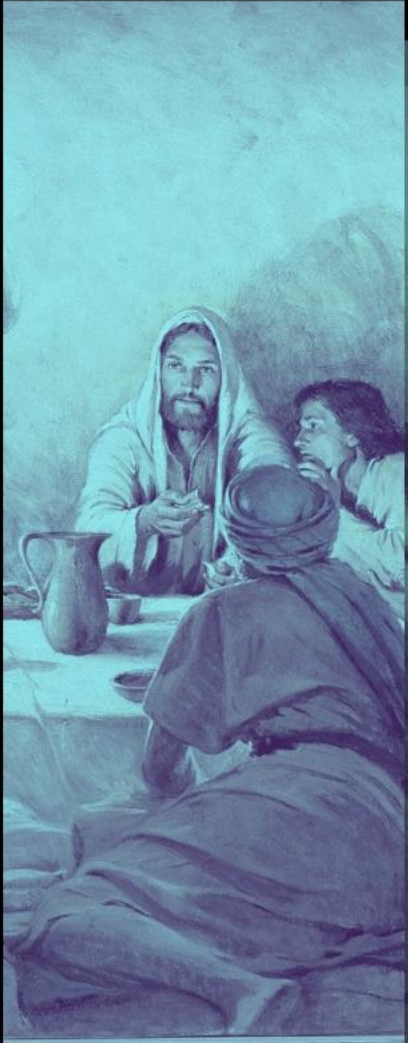
Jesus' Comfort

His Exhortation (v. 1)

- They believed in God concerning the promises and prophecies concerning the kingdom and salvation.
- They are to believe in Jesus too – **John 10:14-15**
 - EX: Why is His departure necessary? – **John 14:2; 16:7**

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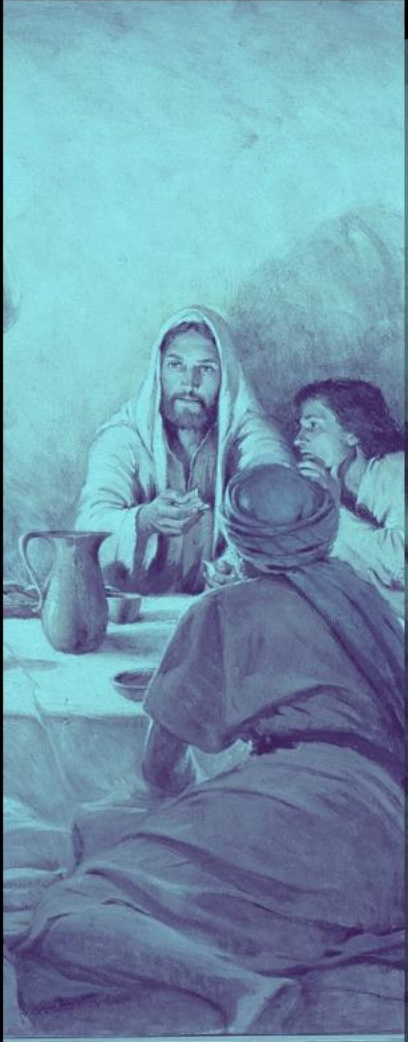
His leaving is to prepare a dwelling place for them. (v. 2)

- Does heaven need preparing? – **Matthew 25:34**; **Hebrews 11:16** – already.
- What preparation is needed? – **John 13:8** (washing); **Hebrews 9:11-14** (cleansing from sin to serve)

His coming is for their entrance into the place with Him. (vv. 3, 27-28)

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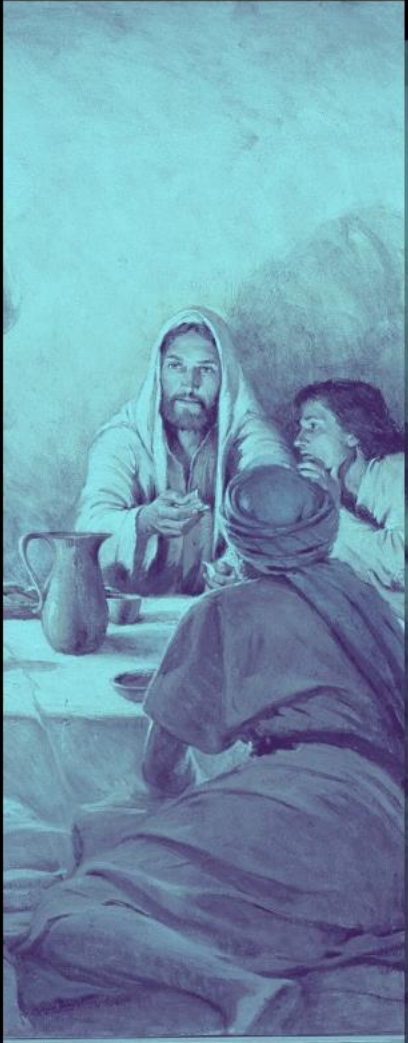
Jesus' Coming

His coming is throughout the context.

- (vv. 3, 18, 23, 28) – all refer to His coming. All refer to the SAME coming. There is no evidence for a break in context.

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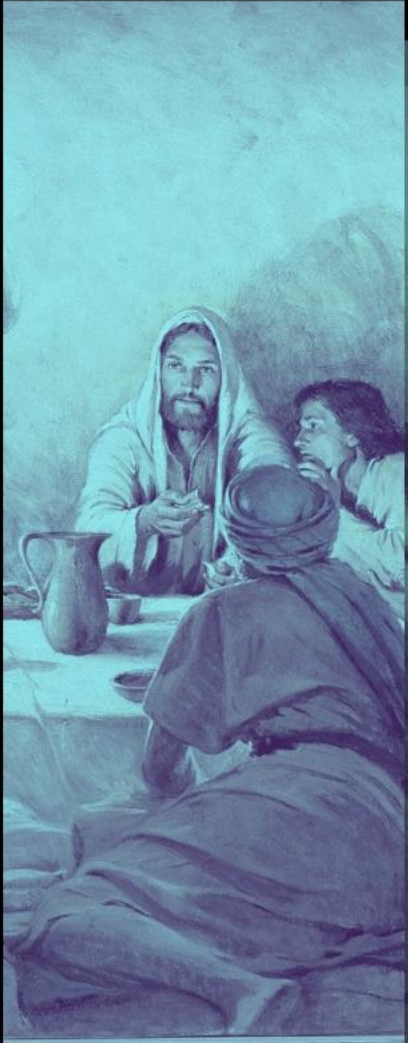
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His coming is not literal, but representative in the person of the Holy Spirit. (vv. 15-18, 25-28)

- Will send the “Helper” (*paraklētos*) (vv. 15-18).
 - The Holy Spirit – (vv. 17, 26)
 - “another” (v. 16) – *allos* – “another of the same sort” (VINE) (Like Jesus – cf. 1 John 2:1, *paraklētos*)
 - He will not orphan them (v. 18) (13:33).
- (v. 28) – When? (v. 2); How? (v. 18)

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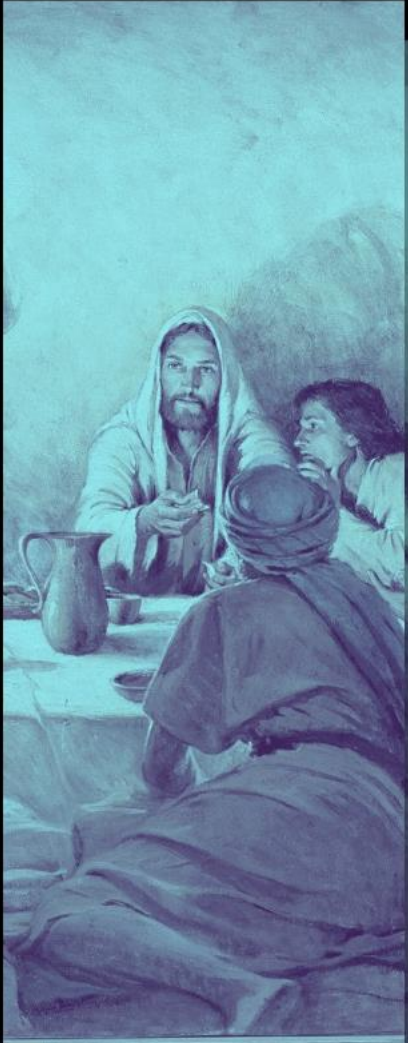
Jesus' Dwelling and theirs

His dwelling and theirs is mutual throughout the context. (vv. 3, 19-24)

- (v. 3) – will be with Him where He is.
- (vv. 19-21) – they will see Him (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:7) – given knowledge by Spirit.
- (vv. 22-24) – fellowship through obedience to the Spirit inspired word.
 - “home” (v. 23) – *mone* (2x all of scripture) – “dwelling places” (v. 2)

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Jesus' Dwelling and theirs

His dwelling is by the Holy Spirit. (vv. 17, 23, 26, 28)

- NOTE: (v. 29) – these things will confirm their faith – if His coming back refers to His second and final coming, then their faith is not established until then.
- The “*many dwelling places*” in the “*Father’s house*” are places in the family of God, the spiritual kingdom/church. (cf. Eph. 2:4-7, 19-22)



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