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John 14



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LEAD-IN: "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, so that He may be with you forever; the Helper is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him; but you know Him because He remains with you and will be in you.

"If anyone loves Me, he will follow My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him." (John 14:16-17, 23, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

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The disciples' world is being turned upside-down.

Jesus,

their Messiah, their life, their hope,

is being taken from them, and

in the most horrifying way possible,

betrayed by one of their own.

Jesus wants them to realize that

He is leaving them for only one reason:

so that He can be with them more fully.

He is going to prepare a place for all of them in His Father's house.

And when that place is prepared,

He will return and take them to be with Him completely and forever.

But He will not wait till then to share a home with them.

The fullness of the Triune God –

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit –

will come and make their home

with each person who loves Christ (John 14:23).

The word used for "home" or "abode" in v.23

is the same word used for "rooms" in the Father's house in v.2.

God is absolutely intent on living

in the closest possible relationship with His people – all His people.

And He does not wait until heaven to do so.

By His own Holy Spirit,

right now He makes His home with all who trust Him.

As you trust Him,

vour forever relationship with Him has already begun.

Your oneness with Him will continue unbroken, forever.

Thank You. Father!