

John 14 — The Same Word Twice

John 14:1–3, 23 (with 15:4–7 · 1:14 · Ephesians 2:22 · Revelation 21:3) · For posting on YouTube & Facebook. Use the overview for the description; add the prompt and links wherever they fit.

VIDEO OVERVIEW (post-ready)

Jesus tells a room full of frightened men, **“In my Father's house are many rooms... I go to prepare a place for you”** (14:2). Twenty verses later he says something that sounds like a different subject: “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and **we will come to him and make our home with him**” (14:23). Those two phrases — “many rooms” and “make our home” — are the same word in Greek. *Monē*. A dwelling place, a staying place. And it shows up only twice in the entire New Testament, both times right here, twenty verses apart. That's not coincidence; that's John framing the room. So watch what Jesus does. He goes away to prepare a permanent place for us with the Father — and then, in the same conversation, he says the Father and I will come and make our permanent place *in you*, starting now. The King James “mansions” sent English readers looking for real estate; the word is about permanence, not square footage. It's the noun behind “abide,” the verb that takes over the very next chapter. You're not just waiting on a room. He's already moved in.

GO DEEPER — STUDY PROMPT FOR VIEWERS

Read **John 14** and **John 15** straight through in one sitting with a pen, and mark every word for *stay, remain, abide, dwell, home*. Don't stop to study — just mark them. About ten of them land in **John 15:4–10** alone. Then set **John 14:2** beside **John 14:23** and ask two questions: which of those two promises do I spend more time thinking about, and which one does Jesus spend more time on in this chapter? Finish in **Revelation 21:3** — “the dwelling place of God is with man” — and ask where verse 2 was headed all along.

KEY PASSAGES REFERENCED

Elsewhere in John: 14:1–3 · 14:23 · 14:17 · 15:4–7 · 15:9–10 · 1:14 · 6:56 · 8:31 · 8:35 · 12:46

Other Gospels: Matthew 28:20 · Luke 19:5–9 · Luke 24:28–29

Rest of Scripture: Exodus 25:8 · Psalm 90:1 · 1 Corinthians 3:16 · 2 Corinthians 6:16 · Ephesians 2:22 · Revelation 3:20 · Revelation 21:3

RESOURCES & FURTHER READING

A Place Prepared for Us

Ligonier Ministries (Tabletalk)

<https://learn.ligonier.org/devotionals/place-prepared-for-us>

On John 14:1–3 — what “I go to prepare a place for you” actually means, and why it points at the cross rather than at construction.

If Anyone Loves Me, He Will Keep My Word

John Piper — Desiring God

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/if-anyone-loves-me-he-will-keep-my-word>

A sermon on John 14:15–24 that leans hard on verse 23: the Father and the Son making their home with the believer now, not later.

Expository Thoughts on John — Chapter 14

J.C. Ryle — GraceGems

<https://www.gracegems.org/Ryle/j14.htm>

Ryle on the Father's house as “lasting, permanent, and eternal dwellings,” and on God making his abode with those who love Christ.