

Life after Life

Message #5

My Father's House



Jesus, John 14:1-6

1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 "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.

Jesus, John 14:1-6

3 "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.

4 "And where I go you know, and the way you know."

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5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Jesus...(vs 1)

“Let not your heart be troubled” (NKJV)

“Don’t let your hearts be troubled” (NLT)

- **Troubled = stirred up
(like turbulent water)**



Why so troubled?

- Jesus has told them He's going to die.
- Jesus has told them He is going to leave.
- Jesus has spoken about one of them betraying Him.
- Jesus told Peter he would deny Him 3x.
- Jesus said they would all be scattered.

- Future was uncertain and possibly grim.



Why so troubled?

- Sometimes Jesus seems distant & far away.
- Sometimes Jesus is confusing & perplexing.
- We know what it is to be TROUBLED!



Jesus

(vs 1b)

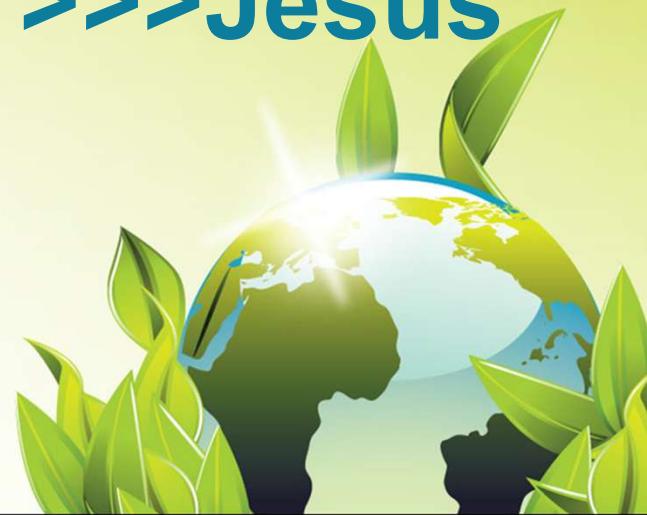
**“you believe in God,
believe also in Me”**



cure

**Trusting Jesus is the cure
for your troubled heart.**

Believe, Faith, Trust >>>Jesus



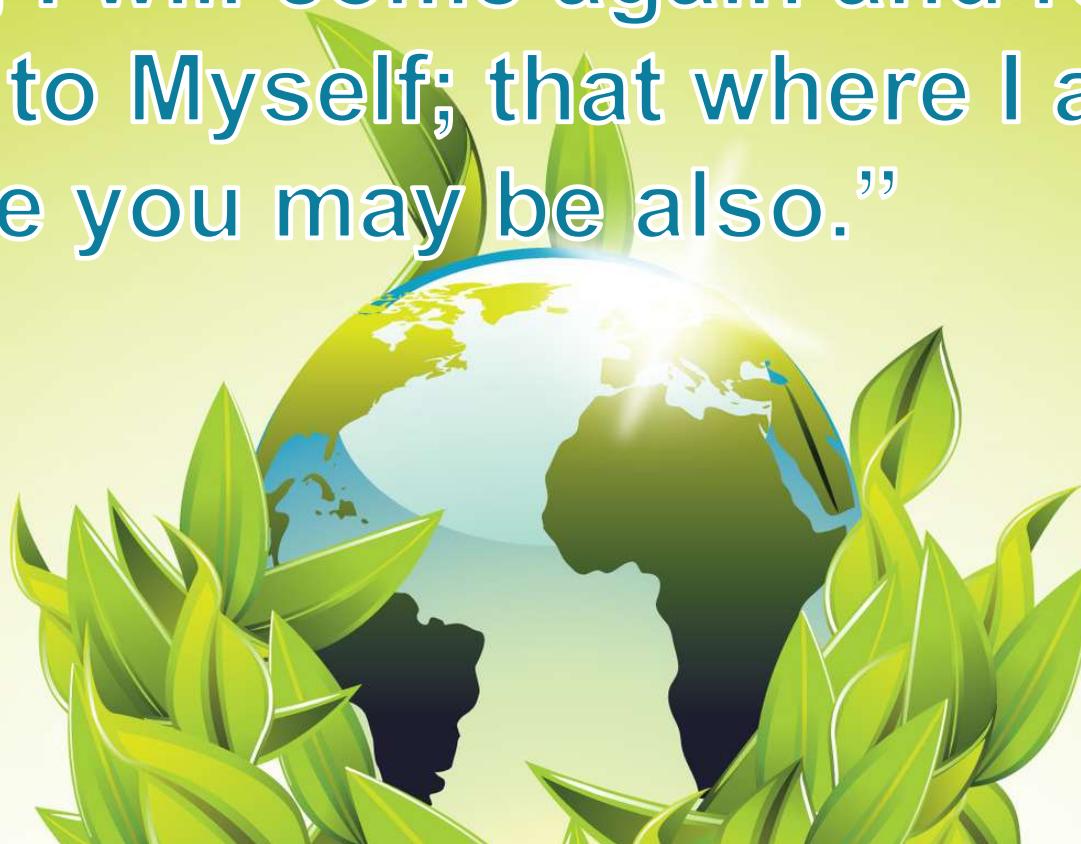
Culture #2

Jesus gives us a vision of the future.



Curious Words

“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.”



Luke 22:14-20

14 When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him.

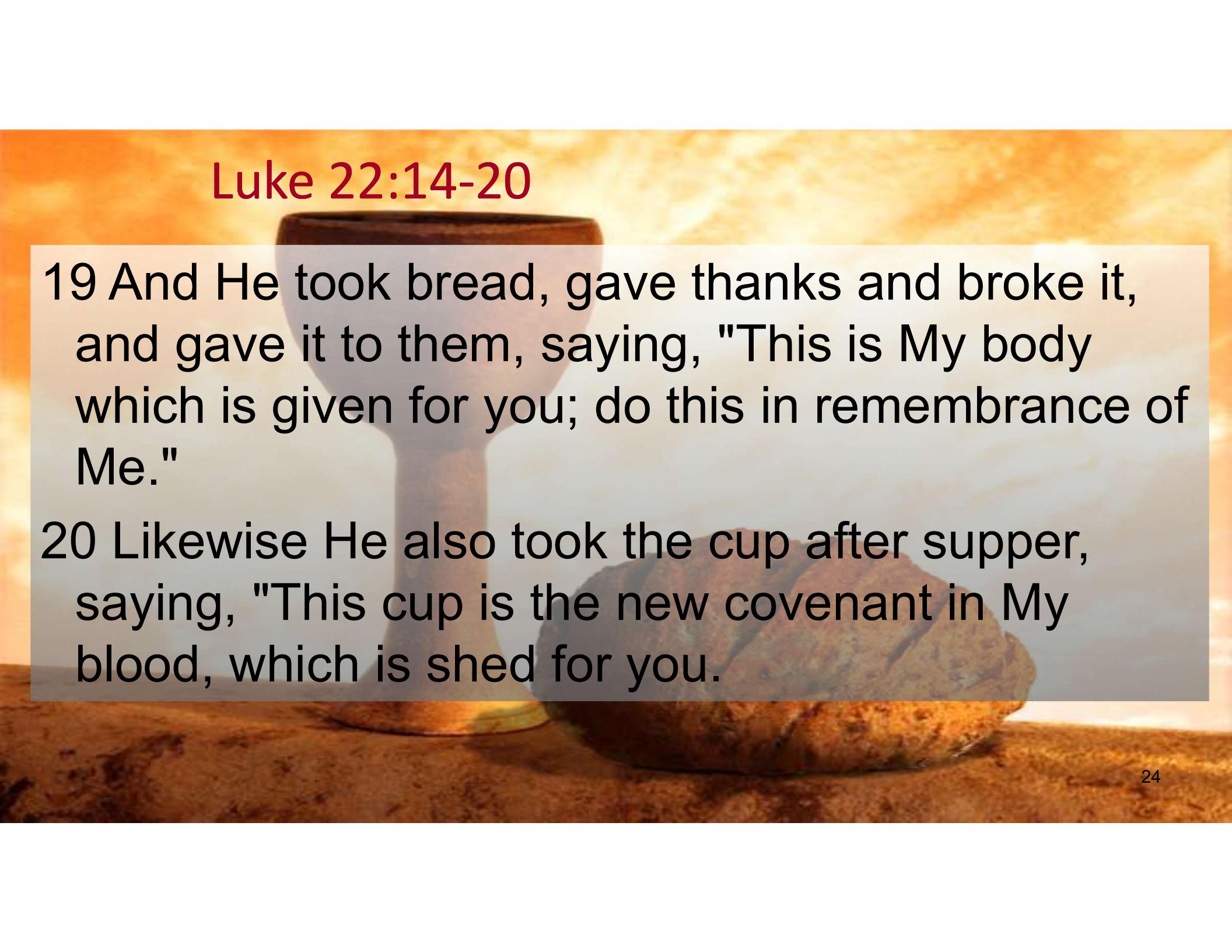
15 Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;

16 "for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

Luke 22:14-20

17 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves;
18 "for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Luke 22:14-20



19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."

What is Jesus Doing...

- This is alluding to things that happen in a Marriage Covenant.
- If they drink of The Cup that Jesus offers, they will be entering into a Covenant Agreement with Christ.
 - Like a marriage covenant
 - A “Spiritual Covenant” will be made

The Jewish Marriage Process

1) The Choosing of the Bride

The Jewish Marriage Process

2) The Betrothal Process (Engagement period)

- Groom meets with the bride's father
- They negotiate the "bride-price"
- Groom agrees to pay the bride-price
- Groom meets with the prospective bride and extends a proposal of marriage. He offers a cup & a covenant promise to the bride.
- She accepts the offer of marriage by drinking the cup.

The Jewish Marriage Process

- 3) The paying of the Bride-price
- 4) The Preparation of the home

The Jewish Marriage Process

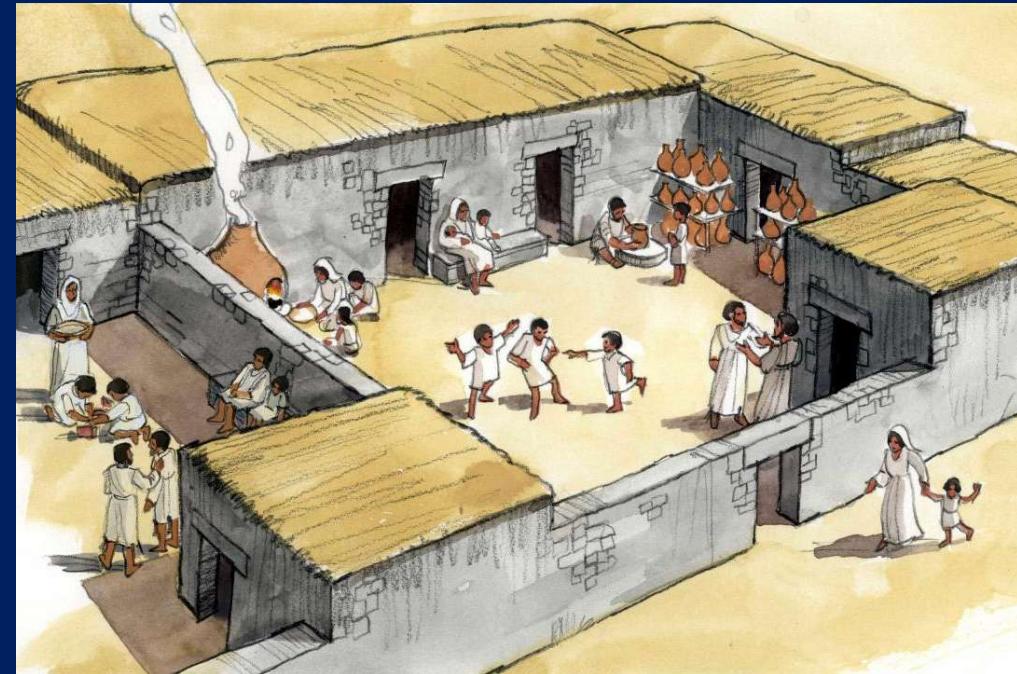
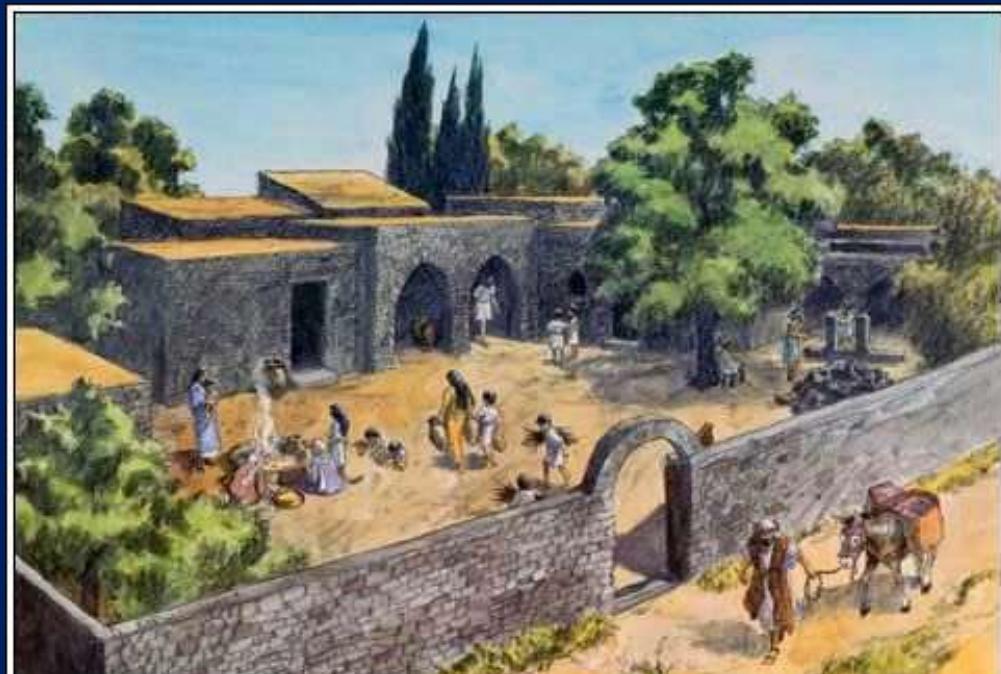


- 5) The groom returns later, usually at night, to marry his Bride
- 6) They are married with a ceremony
- 7) They feast with family & friends
- 8) The couple moves into their new home

Jesus mentions the “Father’s House”

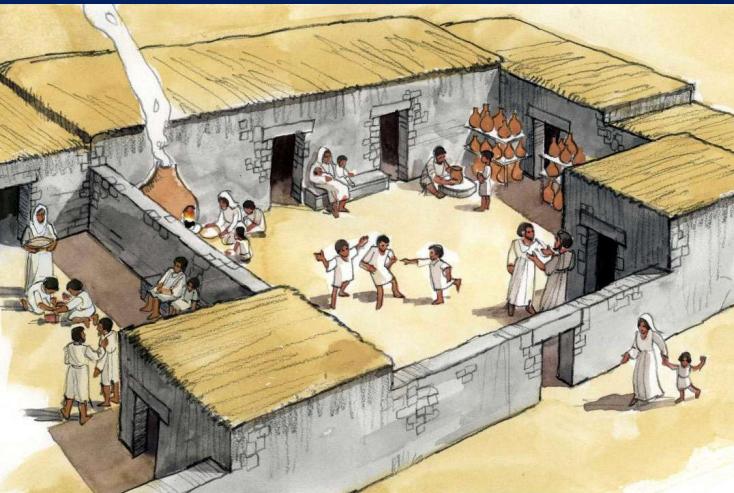
- Cultural idea to talk about Eternity.
- What was the “father’s house” and what did it represent?

The “Father’s House”



The Father's House

- Belonging & Identity
- Protection & Security
- Provision & Blessing
- Stability & Permanence
- Love & Grace
- Place of Shalom (Peace)
- Built on the Idea of Redemption



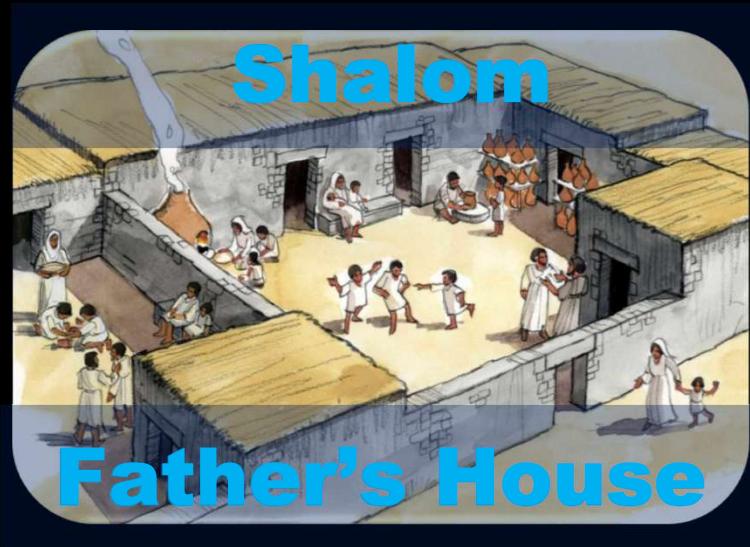
Chaos

Idolatry / Sin

Darkness

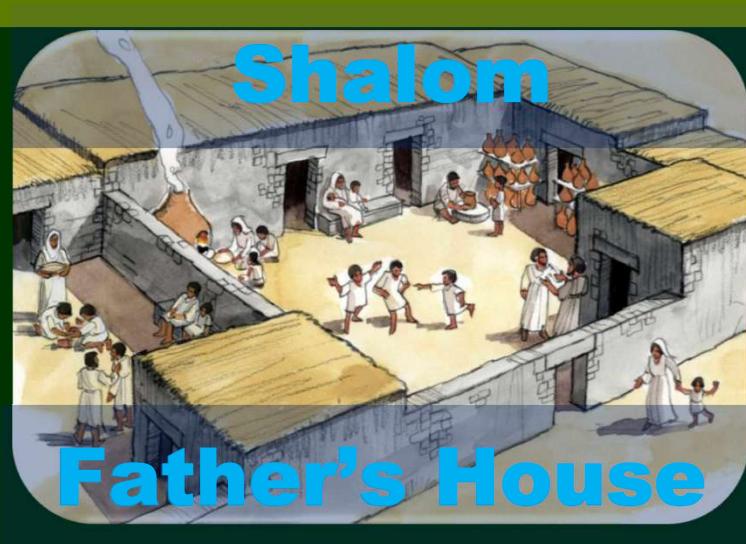
Rebellion

Lost



Think: Luke 15 – The Prodigal Son

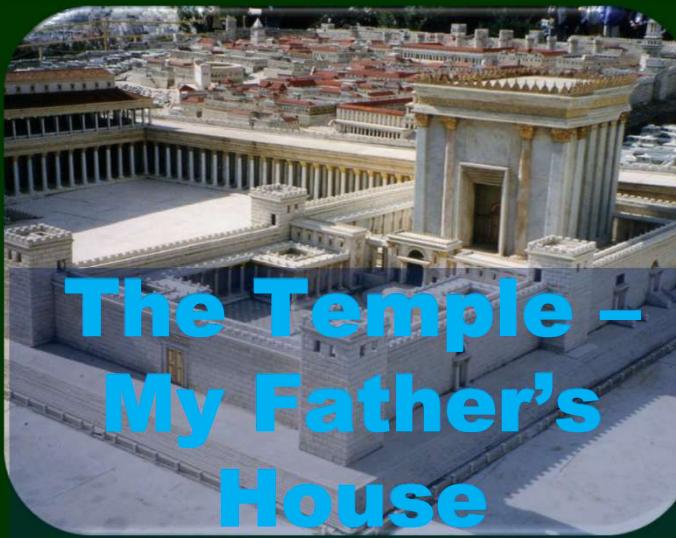
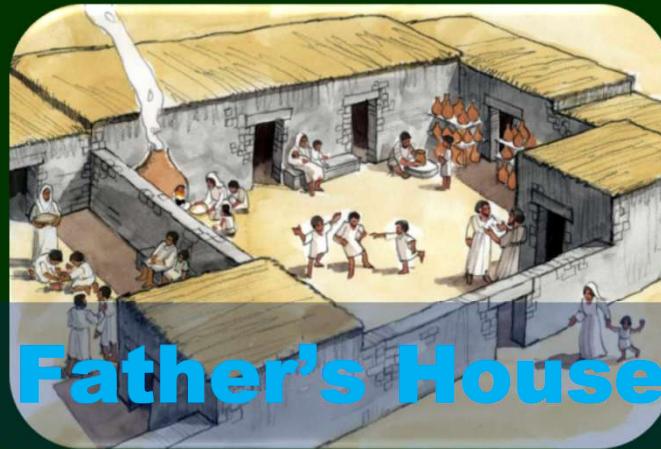
Now Imagine your Father is the most loving, caring, wealthy, wise & gracious being in the universe.



**What kind of life would you have?
Paradise / Eden**

Jesus calls this “My Father’s House”

- Jesus adds a new dimension to the cultural picture.
- Pulls these two together to show us Heaven.



You have all
you need

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You have
direct access
to God, your
Father!

The Tragedy of the Human Story

Idolatry / Sin

Chaos

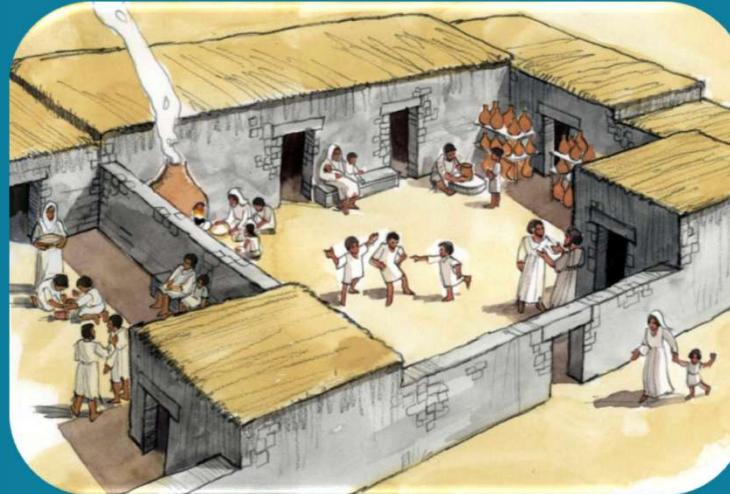
Darkness



Result: Sin, Death, Violence, Lack, Pain, Suffering, LOST....etc

How do you get back to “Father’s House”?

- You cannot just come back on your own.
- You must be brought back by someone else.



Luke 15
Lost Sheep
Lost Coin
Lost Sons

Redeemer
Redemption =
Redeemed

Someone sent by the Father
to bring you back to the
Father & the Family.

Redeemer

Story of Ruth
Kinsman-Redeemer

Luke 15 – How did the
Prodigal Son get back?

(vs 2)

2 "In My Father's house are many

mansions

Dwelling Places

Rooms

Idea: There is a place for you to
belong in My Father's House!

But. . . .

John 14:5-6

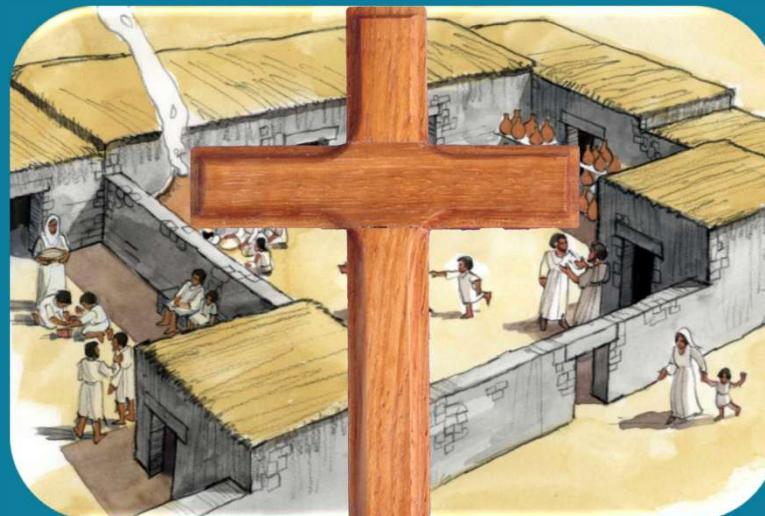
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**Do you know what Jesus has done to
“bring you back”?**

Good News
There was a
great price
paid to
“redeem” you!



**Follow
Me!**

New Creation

Our Calling & Mission

Growing God's Family

- We proclaim this message to those outside of “The Father’s House” to let them know there is a way back Home - Jesus!