

“The Little Inn That Could”

Let not your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. John 14:1-5

⇒ **THE SIMILAR INTONATION WHEN JESUS WAS 12 YEARS OLD...**

Now Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old... And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Luke 2:41, 42, 49

⇒ **THE DOUBLE MENTION AND NUANCE OF “I GO TO PREPARE (HETOIMAZŌ) A PLACE FOR YOU.”**

- The act of making it ready or possible
- The state of readiness or anticipation

⇒ **DURING THE STATE OF READINESS AND BEFORE JESUS' RETURN**

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ... Who is my neighbor? ...

Jesus: A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead... The Samaritan went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back. Luke 10:25,30,34-35

⇒ **BRILLIANT AND PROFOUNDLY LIFE CHANGING TRUTH/ANSWERS TO THE LAWYER'S QUESTIONS:**

1. On the surface and an answer of the second question, you and I ought to show mercy and love and do good to everyone, including our enemies. And...
2. On the deepest level and an answer of the first and most important question, you and I, all humanity, are in the ditch, “half dead!” And...
3. Jesus is the Good Samaritan and the only one who can save and heal us! And...
4. The church is the inn where God puts his people to be spiritually nurtured until Jesus returns. Even more, Jesus continues to pay for the ongoing needs in our life, too.

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