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**Reading: John 14:1-6**

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God. Believe in me also. There are many rooms in my Father’s house. If this were not true, would I have told you that I am going there? Would I have told you that I would prepare a place for you there? If I go and do that, I will come back. And I will take you to be with me. Then you will also be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going. So how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.”

**Thought about the reading**

The reading today takes place at the Last Supper. This was a special meal that Jesus had with his friends just before he was arrested. He knew that he was going to be arrested and that he would die on a cross. He told his friends this was going to happen, and they were feeling very worried.

Jesus told them that they did not need to be worried. When we die, all those who are following Jesus will go to heaven. Jesus has already gone to heaven and is preparing a place for us.

Heaven is a wonderful place. There is no wrong in heaven, no sadness, no illness, no pain. We will be with Jesus for ever. We can look forward to being in heaven when we die. This is the hope that Jesus gives us.

But how do we get to heaven? Thomas asked this question. Jesus said, “I am the Way.” If we follow Jesus, he takes us with him. He knows the way, so we don’t have to worry. When we get there, there will be a wonderful welcome for each of us.

**Prayer**

Dear Jesus, thank you that you have gone to heaven to prepare a place for me. Thank you that you are the way to heaven, and we will be with you forever when we die.

Please help me not to worry, but to keep trusting you that one day I will be welcomed into heaven.

Amen



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