

## **Our Eternal Perspective**

Life has a way of focusing our attention, especially in times of uncertainty. Since 2020, the world has changed significantly. The impact of Covid, natural disasters in New Zealand, and ongoing global conflicts have reminded us how fragile life can be. Things are not as they once were, and while we may long for the past, life often moves forward in unexpected ways.

This experience is similar to what the disciples faced in the final days of Jesus' life. In John's Gospel, we see how quickly events unfold—from Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his arrest, death, and resurrection. In John 14, Jesus speaks to his disciples during a deeply emotional moment. He knows his time with them is short and that their world is about to be turned upside down, though they do not yet understand.

Jesus gently prepares them, explaining that he will die but rise again, offering hope beyond what they can see. The disciples are confused and afraid, having built their lives around him. Into their uncertainty, Jesus speaks words of comfort: "Do not let your hearts be troubled... I am going to prepare a place for you." He reassures them that they are not forgotten and that there is a future with God.

When Thomas questions how they can know the way, Jesus responds, "I am the way and the truth and the life." He points them beyond their immediate fears to an eternal perspective.

This message is for us as well. We may not understand everything happening in our lives, but we are called to trust that God is at work. Scripture reminds us that life is brief, but through Jesus we have a living hope—an eternal security that gives us peace, strength, and perspective in uncertain times.