

John 20:19-23 NLT

That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

## Future

John 14:2

2 There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

John 14:3

3 When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

# What We Are Looking For is Already Here!

## Part 6: Affection



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## Advent Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7 NLT

2 The people who walk in darkness  
will see a great light.

For those who live in a land of deep darkness,  
a light will shine.

3 You will enlarge the nation of Israel,  
and its people will rejoice.

They will rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest  
and like warriors dividing the plunder.

4 For you will break the yoke of their slavery  
and lift the heavy burden from their shoulders.

You will break the oppressor's rod,  
just as you did when you destroyed the army of Midian.

5 The boots of the warrior  
and the uniforms bloodstained by war  
will all be burned.

They will be fuel for the fire.

6 For a child is born to us,  
a son is given to us.

The government will rest on his shoulders.  
And he will be called:

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 His government and its peace  
will never end.

He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor  
David

for all eternity.

The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies  
will make this happen!

## Peace

John 14:27 NLT

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

John 20:19 NLT

Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said.

John 14:1 NLT

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me.

Isaiah 63:9 NLT

In all their suffering he also suffered, and he personally rescued them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them. He lifted them up and carried them through all the years.

2 Corinthians 1:4 NLT

He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

## Jesus' Compassion

John 14:1-6 NLT

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. 2 There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? 3 When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. 4 And you know the way to where I am going."

5 "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

John 13v21 tells us that Jesus was also troubled.