

27 March 2016 (Easter): Preached by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo

**Topic: Empty Tomb, Heavenly Home**

Scripture Text: John 14:1-3

1. John 14 reminds us that this world is not our permanent home. Our citizenship is in Heaven. Jesus told us that in His Father's House are many mansions and He is there now to prepare the place for us. The mansions are big houses and Rev 21 describes what it is like.
2. In Rev 21, the Bible tells us of the new Heaven and new Earth that God will create. The old earth is cursed by sin and will be destroyed. In the new Jerusalem that will descend on earth, it is a very enormous gigantic city of 1500miles length by 1500miles wide and 1500miles height of a shape of a cube. The city is big enough for all believers of all ages to dwell in.
3. The new Jerusalem city is called holy and a glorious city because there is no more sin in it. It is of perfect joy and peace. There is no need for any sunlight or street lamp for the glory of God is the light for everyone.
4. There are 12 foundations for the city with the names of the 12 Apostles inscribed on them. They represent the believers in the NT church. There will be 12 gates with the names of the 12 tribes of Israel. They represent the believers of the OT. All OT and NT believers have the same story to tell of the grace of God that saves them.
5. The predominant occupation in the new city is for believers to worship the Triune God. We will never be tired of it for the glory of God is so overwhelming. Let all believers look forward to the day to be with the Lord forever. Then we will experience the things of this world will grow strangely dim.