

Mark 14:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us.

Analysis

He will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared (ἀνάγαιον μέγα ἐστρωμένον ἑτοιμον, anagaion mega estrōmenon hetoimon)—three adjectives emphasize the room's suitability. "Large" (μέγα, mega) accommodated thirteen people. "Furnished" (ἐστρωμένον, estrōmenon) means "spread with carpets" or "furnished with dining couches," showing the room was fully prepared for Passover feast. "Prepared" (ἑτοιμον, hetoimon) indicates readiness for immediate use.

Jesus's detailed foreknowledge included not just meeting the man, but finding the room already prepared—evidence of divine omniscience or prearrangement reflecting Jesus's sovereign control. **There make ready for us** (ἐτοιμάσατε ἡμῖν, hetoimasate hēmin)—the disciples still had work to do: procure lamb, roast it, prepare unleavened bread, wine, bitter herbs. The prepared room shows God provides what's needed; human obedience completes the task. This upper room witnessed the Last Supper, possibly Jesus's post-resurrection appearances (Luke 24:33-36), and likely Pentecost (Acts 1:13; 2:1-4).

Historical Context

Upper rooms were prestigious spaces in first-century homes, often the largest and best-appointed rooms. They provided privacy for important gatherings. Being "furnished" with dining couches enabled reclining during the meal—the posture of free people, contrasting with Egyptian slavery when Israel ate standing (Exodus 12:11). The room's readiness fulfilled Jesus's prophecy and enabled the

momentous Last Supper. Church tradition identifies this upper room with the Cenacle on Mount Zion in Jerusalem, though archaeological certainty is impossible. The room became sacred space where Jesus instituted communion and predicted His betrayal.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does the homeowner's preparation of the upper room illustrate cooperative partnership between divine sovereignty and human obedience?
2. What does the "large" room suggest about Jesus's desire for spacious fellowship with His disciples?
3. How can you prepare your heart as a furnished and ready space for Christ to meet with you in communion?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	αὐτὸς	ὕμῃν	δείξει	ἀνώγει	μέγα	ἐστρωμένον
And	he	you	will shew	upper room	a large	furnished
G2532	G846	G5213	G1166	G508	G3173	G4766

ἔτοιμον·	ἐκεῖ	ἐτοιμάσατε	ἡμῖν
and prepared	there	make ready	for us
G2092	G1563	G2090	G2254

Additional Cross-References

Acts 1:13 (Parallel theme): And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and

Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

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