

Jesus—The Way, The Truth and The Life (Jn. 14:4-6)

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. **We are living in an hour where it is more important than ever that we understand the truth about who God is, what He came to do, and why we as humans are on this earth.** Today, more than ever, this truth and reality is vital for our future survival.

“And where I go you know, and the way you know. Thomas said to Him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, and how can we know the way?’ Jesus said to Him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (Jn. 14:4-6)

- B. **The Word of God is the ultimate reality in life.** Everything from here on out, should be established on the Bible—God’s Word. Why is that?

“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are Spirit, and they are life” (Jn. 6:63).

“And that from childhood you have known the holy scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which in in Jesus Christ. All scripture [graphe—holy writ] is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2Tim. 3:15-17).

II. THOMAS’ QUESTION ABOUT THE WAY TO THE FATHER (JN. 14:4-6)

- A. **Jesus told them that they should know where He was going because He had just told them—The Father’s house.** Earlier, He told them He would return to the Father (Jn. 7:33). This information seemed frustrating and confusing to the disciples. Why is Jesus who has walked among them for 3 years and performed many miracles, signs and wonders, suddenly be talking about leaving this earth?

- B. **Jesus told them on at least three occasions that He would be killed** (Mt. 16:21-23; 17:22-23; 20:17-19). However, they had a strong bias or presupposition that the Messiah could not be killed by His enemies. Jesus was alerting them that they had strong personal biases that hindered their ability to understand that He would die on the cross to prepare a place for them.

- C. **Today, there are many in the body of Christ who have strong biases or presuppositions in their views of various truths about Jesus and the Bible:** Such as the deity of Jesus, the authority of Scripture, grace, judgment, salvation, sexual purity, the end times, Israel. We must be committed to receive Jesus’ teachings, even when they are challenging. The propensity of human heart is to read Scripture according to our biases.

“But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand; ²⁷and the rain descended, the floods came...great was its fall.” (Mt. 7:26-27)

III. JESUS IS THE WAY (JN. 14:6)

- A. **Jesus went to the cross to prepare (fully secure) our place in the Father’s house forever (14:2).**

- B. **Many think Christ died as a martyr. They do not understand the purpose of His death as set forth in scripture:** Rom. 3:25-26 and 2 Cor. 5:21 says Jesus became sin and paid the debt of our sin before God. Jesus' death made a way for us to relate to the Father by paying the debt of our sin on the cross. By His death, Jesus removed all obstacles keeping us from being accepted by the Father.
- C. **He died as a righteous sacrifice for our sin. In God's court of justice—He cannot overlook sin.** He paid for it (removed it) so that His people could live in His presence. Because God is loving, He found a way to pay for all our sin to satisfy His justice and to make people righteous and holy as a free gift!
- D. **Jesus said—I will come again: We don't need to know "how" to get to heaven when we die.** Jesus comes for us (14:3)—for some He comes personally; to others He sends angels to escort the redeemed to God in His name. At His second coming, the body of Christ will be raptured. Don't worry about what will happen at death. Jesus will come back for you. When His people die, He sees to it that they are escorted into His Father's presence.
- E. **Millions of believers who died over 2,000 years were escorted to the Father's presence by Jesus or by angels.** Some have had death encounters; they tell story that Jesus stood at their deathbed. Most have an angel escort them as ambassadors of Jesus.

IV. JESUS IS THE TRUTH (JN. 14:6)

- A. **Jesus' life revealed the truth about the Father's personality and how He relates to His people.** He knows the truth about God, human beings, angels, demons, and the future and past of every person, city, nation. He knows the full truth about you, both negative and positive. In the presence of Jesus, the truth is manifested because "He is the truth"—thus truth becomes openly manifested to all who come to the light of His presence.
- B. **You cannot sidestep the truth about who Jesus is and what He said about how to know God, how to be free from sin, and how to have eternal life.** There are many voices in today's world. Most of them are people's opinions based on vain imaginations that have no substance. **Jesus Christ did not have an opinion about truth—He said, I am the Truth!**

V. JESUS IS THE LIFE (JN. 14:6)

- A. **Jesus is the life that enables us to relate to the Father and to experience the supernatural realm.** Jesus alone is life, and He alone has the power to impart divine life (Zoe—the God kind of life) (Jn. 1:4; 5:26; 11:25; 1 Jn. 5:20). **Jesus elaborated on being the "life source" to our union with the Father in John 15:1-11.** He said—**"I am the vine you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit, for without Me you can do nothing."** (Jn. 15:5)
- B. **There are three words for "life" in the Greek—bios, psuché, and zoé. Bios refers to the physical life of the body (Lk. 8:14).** The English word, biology, comes from **bios**. **Psuché** is translated as soul and refers to one's psychological life—the mind, emotion, and will (Mt. 16:25). The English word psychology comes from **psuché**. **Zoé refers to the uncreated supernatural life of God.**
- C. **Jesus is our life—the source of supernatural power, and of our greatest pleasures, and rewards.**
"In Him was life [zoé], and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it" (Jn. 1:4-5).

Do you know Him today? Do your friends know the truth about Jesus? Tell them about Him!