

## “I AM THE WAY”

John 14:6

On a mountain road, while traveling to an engagement, I got lost. Seeing a man on the road-side I stopped and asked, “Where is the way to...”, and I named the town, and he scratched his chin and replied, “You can’t get there from here. You have to go about three miles and turn left and you will come to a road that will take you there.” (I’ve heard the statement, “You can’t get there from here” spoken many times in jest, but that day it was for real!) To get to our desired destination we need to know the way.

In John 13, Jesus is preparing His disciples for His departure. They share a final meal together, He has washed their feet, they have broken bread together. In John 14, Jesus says to them: “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. And where I go you know, *and the way you know.*”

Thomas has been criticized for missing the first post-resurrection meeting of the disciples in the Upper Room (John 20:24) and he has had the moniker “Doubting Thomas” hung on him ever since. I think that maybe we have been too hard on Thomas. He was a realist, he wanted to see the risen Christ for himself! When Jesus announced His departure in John 14, Thomas wasn’t clear about what Jesus meant when He said, “*and the way you know.*”

Then comes Thomas’ question, “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.” (John 14:1-6) I am thankful that Thomas asked his question for as the result, we have that wonderfully definitive statement in John 14:6. Thomas wanted to know the way and Jesus cleared up the question mark that Thomas had in his mind.

The singularity of The Way to the Father’s House is a truth that is so important in our world today. We live in a world of multiculturalism and religious pluralism. The popular line of thought in our society is to accept all religions as equal and valid. There are an increasing number of persons who teach that God sits up there somewhere and all religions lead up there to where God is - they just take different paths. Yet what Jesus said goes totally against that.

Let’s take a look at what Jesus told his disciples and see why it is so very important for us to understand what He said and what it means for anyone who wants to get to the Father. In what sense is Jesus The Way?

### I. JESUS IS THE WAY OUT.

#### A. Jesus Is The Way Out For The Sinner.

**Isaiah 53:6** “All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

**Ps 16:11** “You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

**Isaiah 42:16** “I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, And not forsake them.” Jesus is that “path of life”, the Way out of blindness and darkness for the sinner!

### **B. Jesus Is The Way Out For The Saint.**

**I Cor. 10:13** “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.”

Temptation is experienced by all saints. Temptation is not sin. Yielding to temptation is sin. But we do not have to yield. Why? Read I Cor.10:13 again: “will also make the way of escape.....”

**Ps 23:3** “He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.”

**Isa 30:21** “And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, This is the way, walk in it, when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left.”

There is no excuse that God will accept for sinning. Jesus is the way out of sin for the sinner and the way out of temptation for the saint!

## **II. JESUS IS THE WAY IN.**

### **A. He Is The Way In To The Heavenly Father.**

“No one comes to the Father except through me.” (Jn. 14:6)

- Jesus did not say- “I will show you the way to the Father”;
- Jesus did not say- “find your own way to the Father”;
- Jesus did not say- “look inside yourself for the way to the Father”;
- Jesus did not say- “the way is whatever you want it to be.”

He is the only way to the Father! “He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.” (John 5:23) It is dishonoring to God the Son and God the Father to suggest that there are multiple “ways” to the Father and His House.

### **B. He Is The Way In To The Heavenly Fold.**

“I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.” (John 10:9)

1. The Singularity of The Entrance – “I am the door.”

Jesus said that He is THE Way and THE Door. Singular means “one of a kind.” Contrary to the claims of false religionists, who have substituted their finite wisdom for the infinite wisdom of God, there is a singular Door of access to the Father’s Fold.

2. The Safety of The Fold – “he will be saved.”

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.” (John 10:11) The Good Shepherd passage in John 10 assures us of the safety and security of all who are in the Father’s Fold. The Good Shepherd is not only the guide of the sheep but the guard of the sheep! “More secure is no one ever than the loved ones of the Savior.”

3. The Scope of Freedom – “go in and out and find pasture.”

Those who are not in God’s Fold are not free – they are enslaved by sin. Romans 6:20 says, “when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.” They do not know what true freedom is. Again, to quote Jesus, “if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.” (John 8:36) Religion enslaves, Christ liberates!

### III. JESUS IS THE WAY THROUGH.

#### A. Jesus Is The Way Through The Valley.

**Psalms 23:4 & 6** “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me..... and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”

When going through tough times or tough places, the followers of the Shepherd of saints, the Lord Jesus, is the constant Companion Who’s company and comfort are assured. He will see us through to our destination – “the house of the LORD forever.”

#### B. Jesus Is The Way Through The Veil.

**Heb. 10:19 - 22** “Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.”

The only way into the Throne Room is through Jesus. While walking through the valleys of life, we have access to God through the veil and can communicate with the “Shepherd and Bishop of our souls” (1 Peter 2:23) until that day when faith turns to sight and we are at home in the place He has gone to prepare for us. (John 14:3)

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## CONCLUSION

Jesus is The Way. He is The Way out, The Way In and The Way Through. Jesus is The Way for all; He is the timeless Way; He is the only Way.

Acts 4:11-12 contains the same truth as John 14:6 in different words: "This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

"I Am The Way!  
His voice is ever speaking;  
Yet all the day  
Souls another way are seeking."

"I Am The Way!  
Lord, in Thee we are confiding;  
In Thee we will stay  
Here we are constantly abiding."

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