

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life

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Scripture:

¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.”

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

Jn 14:1–11 (ESV)

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1) _____ – *The Way*

a) As the Way, only Jesus has the authority to bring us into the _____ of God.

b) There is no other means by which we can gain _____ to the Father.

2) _____ – *The Truth*

a) As the Truth, only Jesus has the authority to offer us the full _____ of God.

b) There is no other means by which we can _____ the Father.

3) _____ – *The Life*

a) As the Life, only Jesus has the authority to deliver us into the _____ of God.

b) There is no other means by which we can be _____ by the Father.

Remember:

"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. ¹⁴ For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it." (Matt. 7:13-14 NAU)

Reflect:

"It's no wonder that truth is stranger than fiction. Fiction has to make sense." – Mark Twain

Seek:

- 1) Jesus tells his listeners in John 8, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (Jn. 8:31-32 ESV) Take a few moments to reflect what "the truth of God's Word" plays in your daily life.

- 2) At the end of this morning's passage, Jesus states, "Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves." We have a choice in believing who Jesus is based on his words and/or his works. Which do you find yourself placing most of your faith in, His words or His works?

Share:

- 1) Read John 1:14-18
 - a) Early in John's gospel the disciple presents Jesus as the Word who became flesh "full of grace and truth." In doing so, the apostle presents the grace and truth of Christ in contrast to the law given by Moses. What does Jesus overcoming the law through grace and truth mean

to you as a believer?

- b) How does it influence your willingness toward obedience to God? To Man?

Serve:

- 1) Consider Jesus' words in John 14:6, "No one comes to the Father except through me." If Jesus is the true and only means to the Father, and we are now His representatives, what disciplines do you need to develop to make the way, the truth, and the life evident in your life?

- 2) What can you do to bring "the way, the truth, and the life" to others?

Prayer:

Pray together that the Holy Spirit will anoint each one for service to the way of Christ, that you will be a true representation of His truth, and that others may come to know the life that is His through your walk of obedience.