

JESUS The Way, the Truth and the Life John 14:1-6

To Find Jesus is to Find the Way Home

Introduction:

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1. The Oregon Trail was no easy road to travel...
2. Choosing a guide to cross the country to the west was a big decision...
3. Some guides were trustworthy and reliable—Some were not.
4. Some Guides would disappear when times got tough, or take the money and run

I. JESUS IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH & THE LIFE

A. JESUS IS THE WAY

1. Not Every Road Leads to Heaven...

But many think all roads lead to heaven eventually...

- a) But imagine NASA engineers using this level of sloppy thinking...
- b) If we just get the rocket off the ground—maybe it will eventually land on the moon.
- c) If we just get the Voyager spacecraft above our atmosphere—then maybe it will eventually take pictures of distant planets like Saturn and Jupiter.

2. We call this **Magical Thinking— A Cognitive Distortion usually caused by some FALSE IDEOLOGY we picked up somewhere in our life.**

- a) I'm a good person so I can WILL this rocket to successfully take off & land on moon
- b) I'm a good person so if I have enough FAITH I can somehow Land in Heaven
- c) We have the fuel for takeoff—but we might not have the proper guidance system installed to reach the right destination.

3. Jesus was asked this question... (Luke 13:22–24)

- a) Jesus taught there are two roads in life (Matthew 7:13–14)
- b) A Narrow Way and Broad Way — One Leads to Life the other to destruction
- c) This is NOT a Bigoted Statement—it's just simple MATH

4. This is why Jesus says: **Follow Me!**

- a) "In My Fathers house are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you!" (14:1,3)
- b) Jesus Made a Way when there was no way—by Paying our debt in full at the cross
- c) Jesus is the Way to the Father, the way to Heaven, the Way to Eternal Life

B. JESUS IS THE TRUTH

1. Pilate was confronted face to face with the Truth (John 18:33–38)

- a) he couldn't comprehend the truth — so he condemned the truth for His own Power

2. What is Truth? This is the question facing every person in every era...

- a) Is Truth from God? or is Truth from the inner self? (gnosticism)
- b) when faced with the truth would you believe it?

3. Jesus said, **'those who are of the truth Hear My Voice'**

- a) **Inversely** those who are not of the truth don't listen to the voice of Truth

4. **So there are the People of Truth — and People of the Lie**
 - a) People of the Lie Would Rather Exchange the Truth of God for a Lie and worship themselves rather than God
 5. **Jesus is the Truth—the Eternal Truth that Transcends you or I**

He is the Alpha and the Omega, Beginning and the End, First and Last

 - a) Notice what Jesus says to Phillip (**John 14:6-9**)
 - b) **Ex. GENESIS Class:** To ask the question ‘Where did God come from?’ or ‘who created God?’ is to assume TIME is absolute and God showed up somewhere on that timeline.
 - c) But God Created Time—He is Outside of Time and Not Bound by Time
 - d) Time is not Absolute—God is Absolute!
 6. **Jesus is the Truth that Sets You Free! (John 8:31–32)**
 - a) To Accept the Truth is to Reject the Lies!
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“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen; not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.” –C.S. Lewis

C. JESUS IS THE LIFE

Jesus broke up every funeral He ever attended—Because He is the Life!

1. **Jesus brings life to the dead (Romans 8:11)**
 - a) In Christ We are Born Again!
 - b) Buried with Him in Baptism we are Raised to Newness of Life!
 - c) Jesus brings life to the dead!
 2. **Jesus offers an Abundant Life (John 10:10)**
 - a) You are no longer a dead man walking...
 - b) You have been given a New Life in Christ!
 - c) Living in the Light and and Adopted into God’s Family!
 3. **Jesus offers Eternal Life (1 John 5:11–13)**
 - a) He who has the Son has life
 - b) He who does not have the Son does Not have life
 - c) John writes so that we can know we have eternal life in Christ!
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II. THE IMPLICATIONS FOR US

A. JESUS IS WORTH MORE THAN EVERYTHING YOU’RE AFRAID OF LOSING

1. **Pilate knew Jesus was innocent, but Pilate also knew he could loose his position and Power as prefect of Judea...**
2. **Judas knew Jesus was innocent, but he didn’t want to loose his money**
3. **The Sad tragedy of rejecting Jesus to keep what we’re afraid of loosing is that we can’t keep those things anyway!**

- a) Pilate didn't want to give up his power—but History records that he was eventually demoted and banished to the outer realm of the Roman empire and eventually committed suicide.
- b) Judas didn't want to give up his Money—but in bitter remorse he threw the money back and went out and hung himself.

4. Jesus is worth Far More Than Everything You Are Afraid of Losing!

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” –Jim Elliot

B. TO FIND JESUS IS TO FIND THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE!

1. If I'm wandering about; and don't know where I'm going—Jesus is the way.
 2. If I'm confused and don't know what to think—Jesus is the truth.
 3. If I feel dead inside and don't know if I can keep going on—Jesus is the life
- >When You Follow Jesus You Have Found the Way, the Truth and the Life!

C. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY HOME—>JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY HOME

1. **We like to have choices... The more choices the better we think...**
 - a) We even procrastinate our decisions because a decision eliminates other choices...
 - b) Were afraid that once our decision is made it eliminates our other options
 - c) so we put off our decision just keep some unknown solution floating in suspension.
2. **But when it comes to ETERNAL LIFE and ETERNAL SALVATION...**
 - a) You get one shot—and Jesus is the only chance you have!
3. **To Some Jesus statement is so authoritative and exclusive that they think it sounds bigoted or discriminates against other religions or beliefs.**
 - a) But TRUTH Tends to do that—2+2=4
 - b) There is only ONE correct answer—it Excludes ANY Other as Being incorrect!
4. **But Far From Being Bigoted: In Christ ANYONE can become a child of God!**
 - a) Regardless of Race, Social Status, Rich or poor, slave or free, male or female.
 - b) It's a Free Offer to Anyone who trusts & obeys Jesus! [Doesn't sound bigoted to me!]

D. HOW AMAZING THAT JESUS HAS GONE TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR US!

1. **Jesus Made a Way Where there was no Way**
2. **And Then He Prepared a Dwelling Place for You and I!**
3. **A Place where there will be no more tears, no sorrow, no pain, no death**
4. **A Place Where We Will Be with God for Eternity!**

CONCLUSION:

1. **As the WAY—Jesus is the answer to our sin**
2. **As the TRUTH—Jesus is the answer to our ignorance**
3. **As the LIFE—Jesus is the answer to our mortality.**

He Has Prepared a Place For His People—For You and I (Jn 14:1-3)