



## “I Am The Way, Truth, Life” ~ October 28, 2018

### OPEN

Have you ever used a map which gave you the wrong directions?

Jesus revealed Himself as the WAY, TRUTH, and LIFE in John 14:6. And this is a much greater reality than a mere moral map or set of spiritual instructions.

Read John 14:1-14 carefully.

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Notice the context for this discussion. In verses 1-5 there was about Jesus' soon coming departure. It was Thomas who gave expression to this. In response Jesus answered in a most profound description of Himself.

#### 1. **Exclusive - Jesus is the only way**

How does John 1:18 echo Jesus' exclusive claim to be the only way to God?

Can you think of current religious philosophies that claim Jesus is only one of many ways to God? How is this thinking challenged by what Jesus said in John 14:6?

#### 2. **Enlightening - Jesus is the central truth**

Jesus is the central, unifying truth of God, the organizing principle. C. S. Lewis stated, “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.”

Read Colossians 1:15-20. How does Paul express Jesus as the central truth of life in these verses?

#### 3. **Empowering - Jesus is the source of life**

According to the grammar of John 14:6, Jesus *Himself* is our life. In what ways does Jesus impart life to us?

See Romans 8:9-11 and I Corinthians 15:20-22

*“Christianity is not a system of philosophy, nor a ritual, nor a code of laws; it is the impartation of a divine vitality. Without the way there is no going, without the truth there is no knowing, without life there is no living.”*

- Merrill C. Tenney

If Jesus is the only WAY, the central TRUTH, and the source of LIFE how should his followers consider themselves?

Read Acts 9:2 and 22:4. When the apostle Paul was in eager opposition to followers of Jesus they were described as “followers of the Way”. Later, followers of Jesus were called Christians (Acts 11:26).

For people of the Way there are three very essential ways to live.

#### 1. **Interconnected - fellowship**

Because Jesus is the only way, when we are drawn to Him we are drawn together. “Symphony” means fellowship or cooperation between citizens of the same country. Christians living with one another must reflect the oneness of Jesus with the Father. Consider the following linked commands...

Bound to one another - Eph 2:17-19 ↔ Unbound to the world - II Cor 6:14-16

#### 2. **Intentional - mission**

Because Jesus is the central truth we need to live in a very intentional, strategic way. That is why we have a very specific mission statement:

**Cornerstone is called to impact our world  
by living and sharing the life of Jesus!**

Notice that Jesus' followers are called to “greater things” – see verses 12-14.

#### 3. **Identificational - baptism**

Baptism portrays that we have identified ourselves with Christ's give of His death, burial, and resurrection. Why would we not want to identify with Him!?

*“The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.”*

- Timothy Keller

### REFLECT

Is Jesus your WAY, TRUTH, and LIFE? *“For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.”* (Psalm 62:1-2)

Each of the Gospel writers tells of the fruitful life of Jesus Christ. Jesus displayed complete oneness with the Father. Jesus is not just asking us to find Him as the only way to God. He demonstrated what that kind of life looks like.

Consider the following passages from the Gospel of John...  
2:13-16; 4:34; 6:38-40; 8:26-30; 12:27-28,20-24; 14:31; 17:4-8; 18:11