

I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life

John 14

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John: The I AM (*ego eimi*) statements of Jesus. From the Hebrew word for God, Yahweh!

- John 6: I AM the **Bread** of Life.
- John 7: Come to me... thirsty..., and I will give you Living Water.
- John 8: I AM the **Light** of the World.
- John 9: I AM the Light (in a spiritually blind world).
- John 10: I AM the **Gate** and the **Good Shepherd**.
- John 11: I AM the **Resurrection** and the **Life**.

Setting: Jesus entered Jerusalem in the Triumphal Entry. Taking the role of a servant, Jesus washed His disciples' feet. Then He celebrated the Passover meal with them. There He stated one of them would betray Him and He predicted Peter's denial. Jesus told them many times of His coming death. These events were certainly troubling. Chapter fourteen begins with...

1. Jesus Knows Us!

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. ² There is more than enough room in my father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." (John 14:1-4)

Jesus' message: Don't (let your hearts) be troubled!

Trust God, and trust in me!

Yes, I am going... to prepare a place for you.

I will come and get you!

We will always be together!

You know the way...

Jesus knows our circumstances. Jesus knows your circumstances!

Jesus knows our heart. Jesus knows your heart!

Jesus is preparing a place for us (and us for a place) ... for you!

Jesus is coming again! FOR YOU!

Thomas replied: *"No, we don't know, Lord, we have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?"* (John 14:5)

Question: Are you like Thomas and feel like you don't know the way?

2. Jesus IS the Way!

“Jesus told him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!” (John 14:6-11)

Through Christ we have access to Father God.

Through Christ our way is paved.

“Jesus' reply is the ultimate foundation for a satisfactory philosophy of life. First, it is personal. He did not claim merely to know the way, the truth, and the life as a formula he could impart to the ignorant; but he actually claimed to *be* the answer to human problems. That is, Jesus' solution to perplexity is not a recipe; it is a relationship with him. Second, Jesus responded with an authoritative assertion as the master of life. **He is the way to the Father because only he has an intimate knowledge of God, unmarred by sin.**”

WAY: Course, line, path, progress, road, admittance, avenue, channel, door, entrance, gate, journey, lane, opening, street, passage, thoroughfare, track, trail.

Jesus is the line to love. For me...

Jesus is the path to peace.

Jesus is the progress to patience.

Jesus is the channel to kindness.

Jesus is the gate to goodness.

Jesus is the journey to gentleness.

Jesus is the street to meekness.

Jesus is the road to self-control.

a. Access to the Kingdom: Entering through Christ.

b. Knowing: Know Jesus, Know Father-God. Colossians.

c. Vision: Seen the Father – By seeing Jesus (vv. 7, 9, 11).

Philip chimed in, *“Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”* (v.8)

⁹ *Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you?*

¹⁰ *Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. ¹¹ Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do.”*

Question:

Which Road (way) are you on?

The Right way, or the Wrong way?

The narrow way, or the broad-easy way?

Idiom: “The road to hell is paved with good intentions.”

3. Jesus IS the Truth!

¹² *“I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. ¹³ You can ask for anything in my name,*

and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

a. Jesus is God! (Fully-God, Fully-Man)

He *is* the truth because he has the perfect power of making life one coherent experience irrespective of its ups and downs. He *is* the life because he was not subject to death but made it subject to him. He died to demonstrate the power and continuity of his life. Because he is the way, the truth, and the life, he is the only means of reaching the Father (cf. 1:18). Jesus is the only authorized revelation of God in human form, and he is the only authorized representative of humanity to God.”

b. Jesus speaks truth. What He says is trustworthy.

We can ask anything in His Name...

c. Jesus is in (relationship with) The Father!

Triune Fellowship: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Jesus will repeat this in the next chapter:

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.” (John 15:7)

d. If you want to see God, look to Jesus!

Colossians 1:15: *“Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation.”*

Jesus IS the True Prophet.

Jesus IS the True Priest.

Jesus IS the True King.

Question: Do you know the truth? Do you know Jesus?

4. Jesus is the Life!

In Jesus is life, real, abundant, eternal life!

a. Jesus is Real Life.

b. Jesus is Abundant Life.

“²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.” John 10:27-28 NLT

c. Jesus is Eternal Life – Psalm 23:6.

²⁷ “I am leaving you with a gift –peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid. ²⁸ Remember what I told you: I am going away, but I will come back to you again. If you really loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, who is greater than I am. ²⁹ I have told you these things before they happen so that when they do happen, you will believe.”

Question: Do you have Jesus? Do you have Real, abundant, eternal life? Life versus death...