

TUESDAY

I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life

- Continue in upper room = Judas has left = Christ ministering comfort to His other disciples = knows their world about to be shattered by His arrest/death on cross
- Promises they will be w/Him again after He leaves
 - SAYS they know where He is going = they know the way
- Thomas = first to admit he doesn't get it

John 14:5–6 ⁵Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

- Summary of Messiah's mission on Earth = explains His identity
 - divine mission = why He came to take on human flesh
- His role in plan of redemption
 - o show us way / clarify God's truth / renew our lives

Way to WHAT? WAY TO THE FATHER

John 1:18 AMP No man has ever seen God at any time; *the only unique Son, or the only begotten God*, Who is in the bosom [in the intimate presence] of the Father, He has declared Him [He has revealed Him and brought Him out where He can be seen; He has interpreted Him and He has made Him known].

Hebrews 1:3 AMP He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint *and* very image of [God's] nature, upholding *and* maintaining *and* guiding *and* propelling the universe by His mighty word of power. When He had *by offering Himself* accomplished *our* cleansing

of sins *and* riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high,

Hebrews 1:8 (AMP) = Father addresses His covenant Son = Jesus Christ = as God ⁸But as to the Son, He says to Him, **Your throne, O God**, is forever and ever (to the ages of the ages), and the scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of absolute righteousness (of justice and straightforwardness).

- Unique Son of God (God in flesh) = makes known FATHER
 - explains/interpret/exposits = BY DEMONSTRATION
 - revealing Him to fallen world

Thus, Jesus Christ is the link to the Father, the One who explains or interprets the Father to a fallen world. Consequently, He is the way or path to the Father. Without Him we are limited in our understanding.

I AM THE WAY

- He = door / narrow way / Light of the World
 - who illuminates pathway to God
- Jesus Christ = only way to enter into covenant w/ God
 - highway to holiness
- EXCLUSIVE WAY TO BE RECONCILED TO GOD = thru RBF
- **Acts 4:12** 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 TRUTH

- He is embodiment of TRUTH = ultimate revelation of God
 - To be covered by JILL

I AM the Life

- SOURCE OF ETERNAL LIFE = giver and sustainer of life

- **John 11:25** "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."
- Life - more than mere existence = rich / meaningful /
 - eternal relationship w/ God

John 10:10 I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

- **After Thomas = Philip chimes in = second disciple to question**
 - Philip misunderstood identity of Christ
 - Christ's relationship of being one w/ Father

John 14:8–11 ⁸Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father;** so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that **I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?** The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

John 10:30 I and the Father are One

- Jesus emphasis on being God incarnate = clear in John's Gospel
- Seeing Jesus = is seeing Father = made invisible God visible
- Words/teachings = only spoke what Father told Him to speak
- Deeds/Works = only did what He saw Father doing **John 5:19**

- Gate to outer court = called GATE OF LIFE
- Door to Holy Place = called door of TRUTH
- Veil to MOST Holy Place = called the WAY

Hebrews 10:19–20 ¹⁹Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,