

# THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE

## LESSON #9

John records more of Jesus' conversation with His apostles the night before His death than any other gospel writer (John 13-17). In John 13, after washing their feet, Jesus announces Judas would betray Him. He tells them He is leaving and they could not follow Him now but would follow Him afterward. Peter speaks up saying he will follow Jesus to the death, but Jesus foretells Peter's denials. How their heads must have been spinning with confusion and apprehension! Jesus perceives their hearts are troubled (John 14:1). He makes a promise to them. Far from abandoning them, He is leaving with a purpose. He promises to go and prepare a dwelling place in His Father's house for them. He promises to return and take them to this home with the Father. Who can make such a claim? To presume not only to have access to the dwelling place of God but to have the authority to expand it and take His followers with him to live in God's home is beyond a mere man.

1. What does Jesus tell His disciples about where He is going (John 14:4)? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Does Thomas know where Jesus is going (John 14:5)? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. To whom does Jesus want His disciples to go (John 14:6)? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What does Jesus mean when He says, "I am the way" (John 14:6)? (Consider: the word "way" is found 8 times in the gospel of John.) \_\_\_\_\_

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A. Why is this claim important to the disciples (and us)? \_\_\_\_\_

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- . B. This phrase “the Way” is used several times in Acts. What does it come to mean (Acts 9:2; 16:17; 19:9, 23; 22:4; 24:14, 22)?

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5. What does Jesus mean when He says, “I am...the truth?” (Consider: the word “truth” is found 26 times in the gospel of John.) \_\_\_\_\_

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- . A. Why is this claim important to the disciples (and us)? \_\_\_\_\_

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- . B. What has come through Jesus (John 1:14,17)? \_\_\_\_\_

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- . C. What comes through the truth (John 8:31-32)? \_\_\_\_\_

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- . D. What contrast is made between the Devil and Jesus (8:44-45)? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What does Jesus mean when He says, “I am...the life?” (Consider: the word “life” is found 47 times in the gospel of John.) \_\_\_\_\_

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- . A. Why is this claim important to the disciples (and us)? \_\_\_\_\_

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- . B. How could Jesus make this claim the night before His death? \_\_\_\_\_

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- . C. What is the definition of “eternal life” (John 17:3)? \_\_\_\_\_

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- . D. What connection does John make between Jesus and life in 1 John 5:1-12?

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- . E. Does this “life” only refer to our life in Heaven (Gal. 2:20)?

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7. Put this claim of Jesus, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life,” in your own words.

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8. How does this truth help form your concept of Jesus as the Son of God? \_\_\_\_\_