

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

John 14:1-7

INTRODUCTION

- A. The events leading up to Jesus' claim.
 - 1. The last week of the life of Christ.
 - 2. His entry into Jerusalem (Sunday before crucifixion), Jn. 12:12-16.
 - a. *"Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord"*, vs. 13.
 - b. The disciples don't understand all the commotion, vs. 16.
 - 3. Christ's comments about dying, vs. 23ff.
 - a. *"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified,"* Jn. 12:23-26.
 - b. *"When I am lifted up from this earth..."*, Jn. 12:27-36.
 - 4. The washing of the apostles' feet, chap. 13.
 - a. *"You are clean, but not everyone of you,"* Jn. 13:10.
 - b. *"One has lifted his heel against me"* (fulfills prophecy, Ps. 41:9), Jn. 13:16-20.
 - c. *"One will betray Me"* (Judas identified), Jn. 13:21, 27.
 - d. *"Where I am going, you cannot come,"* Jn. 13:33.
 - e. Peter [the rock] will *"deny Me three times,"* Jn. 13:38.
- B. Jesus' words of comfort.
 - 1. *"Let not your hearts be troubled,"* Jn. 14:1. (Lit., "Stop being troubled.")
 - 2. *"In My Father's house, many rooms,"* Jn. 14:2. (Abiding places.)
 - 3. *"I will come again to take you with Me,"* Jn. 14:3.
 - 4. *"You know the way to where I go,"* Jn. 14:4.
 - 5. Thomas, *"Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"*
 - 6. *"I am the way, the truth, and the life,"* Jn. 14:6.

I. THE ANSWER TO MAN'S SIN [WAY].

- A. The Trouble of the World.
 - 1. Sickness, money woes, family concerns.
 - 2. The ways of life seem unsure at times.
 - 3. One source says one thing, another source says another.
 - 4. Pr. 14:12, a way which seems right...
- B. Its Origin from Satan in the Garden.
 - 1. Pain, suffering and death introduced into the world, Gen. 3:16-19.
 - 2. The answer was also given, Gen. 3:15.
- C. Jesus, the Answer to Sin and Death.
 - 1. In a physical sense.
 - a. Hosea 14:9
 - b. Jn. 14:27
 - c. Mt. 7:13-14
 - 2. More importantly, in a spiritual sense.
 - a. Jn. 16:33
 - b. 1 Jn. 2:1-2
 - c. Eph. 2:1-7

II. THE ANSWER TO MAN'S IGNORANCE [*TRUTH*].

- A. The World's Wisdom.
 - 1. 1 Cor. 3:19-20
 - 2. Col. 2:8-10
- B. God's Answer to the World.
 - 1. One of God's attributes.
 - a. Dt. 32:4 (Song of Moses)
 - b. Num. 23:19, "*God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should change His mind.*"
 - c. Ps. 119:160, "*All Your words are true;...*"
 - 2. Truth found in God's Word.
 - a. Jn. 18:37, pointing to truth.
 - b. Jn. 17:17, "*Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.*"
 - c. Jn. 8:31-32
 - d. Asking directions – ask one who knows.

III. THE ANSWER TO MAN'S MORTALITY [*LIFE*].

- A. The Brevity of Life.
 - 1. Ps. 39:4-5
 - 2. Ps. 103:15-16
- B. An Abundant Life.
 - 1. 1 Tim. 4:8
 - 2. Jn. 10:10, "*I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*"
 - 3. An abundant life based on the hope of eternal life.
 - a. Rom. 5:1-2
 - b. 2 Cor. 12:9-10
 - 4. The Lord Has Been Mindful of Me

*I'm rich! I am saved! I am happy! I've health and prosperity.
I've friends! I have doors ever open!
The Lord has been mindful of me!
The Lord has been mindful of me!
He blesses and blesses again!
My God is the God of the living! How excellent is His name!*

- C. Eternal Life.
 - 1. Jn. 3:14-15
 - 2. Rom. 6:23, "*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*"