

JESUS – THE WAY

Introduction

- 1) **John 14:6** – Jesus stated, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life”**
- 2) This is a response to Thomas’ question as to how the apostles could know the way to be with Jesus and the Father (vv. 1-5)
- 3) Jesus responds by stating that He is the *way*, the *truth* and the *life* – an exclusive claim
 - a) For many in our world, this is an outrageously narrow-minded claim – they contend that there are many equally valid religions, philosophies, and beliefs
 - b) Each of these claims are worthy of our study and meditation – they are critical to successfully “coming to the Father” (v. 6b; fellowship, salvation, eternal life)
- 4) This lesson will study Jesus as **THE WAY**

I) “Way”

- A) Gk. *hodos* – a way, road, journey, path
- B) The way or pathway which we choose to walk in life (Prov. 22:6)
 - 1) What way will we follow as we navigate the many decisions of life?

II) Two Ways (Matthew 7:13-14)

- A) **The Way that leads to life**
 - 1) Described as a “narrow” gate and a “difficult” way – a small, constricted pathway that must be sought out to enter carefully and diligently – few will find it
- B) **The Way that leads to destruction**
 - 1) Described as a “wide” gate and a “broad” way – a large pathway that requires little thought or effort to enter – many go on it
- C) Only one right way that leads to life – diligently seek it out (Deut. 30:19; Prov. 12:28)!

III) God’s Way = The Right Way

- A) God knows the “way of the righteous” (Psa. 1:6)
 - 1) God “knows” them because they follow His way (Jn. 10:14, 27; cf. Matt. 7:23)
- B) Must not follow a way simply because it “seems” right due to feelings, situation, majority opinion, tradition, etc. (Prov. 14:12)
 - 1) **Examples:** Cain’s sacrifice (Gen. 4:3-5), Nadab and Abihu’s fire (Lev. 10:1-2), David’s new cart (1 Chron. 13:7-10), Jeroboam’s new religion (1 Kgs. 12:25-33), Ananias and Sapphira’s lie (Acts 5:1-11)
- C) John the Baptist prepared the way for the Way (Jn. 1:23, 29) so we can now know the way

IV) Jesus – The Only Way

- A) The only **way to** the truth (Jn. 8:31-32; Jn. 1:14)
- B) The only **way out** of the bondage of sin and death (Rom. 6:16-18; 8:2)
- C) The only **way into** the cleansing redemption of divine salvation (Acts 4:12; Heb. 10:19-22)
- D) The only **way through** temptation (Jas. 1:12) and suffering (2 Cor. 12:9-10)
- E) The only **way unto** everlasting life (Jn. 6:40; 1 Jn. 5:11)

Conclusion

Those in Christ today are of “the Way” (Acts 9:2; 19:9; 24:14; 22:4). Those in the body of Christ are the saved who are in the way of truth, salvation, comfort, and life. Are you in the “Way”? Which way are you on – the way that leads to life or the way that leads to death?