

IN THE BEGGINNING WAS THE  
WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH  
GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD.

the gospel of

# JOHN

John 14:4-6

## Introduction

This is one of the most critical passages in all of Scripture. Jesus declared in unmistakable terms how a person gets to God, and He makes it clear that there is no other way to God except through Him.

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Jesus had brought distress to the disciples by saying that He was going to leave them.

We understand today that Jesus was talking about His death and ascension.

Jesus stated “And where I go you know, and the way you know.” He had stated these things to them many times.

“Where I go you know”: He was going back to the Father from whom He had come.  
Jesus also said “The way you know”. We get to the Father through Jesus.

Thomas contradicted Jesus and stated that they did not know where He was going so how could they know the way!

Here sat the disciples, thinking that Jesus was about to lead them to set up the Kingdom of God on earth, freeing Israel and establishing it as the greatest nation on earth. Then all of a sudden He began to talk about going someplace where they could not follow Him.

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The disciples were thinking in terms of an earthly and temporal government, of worldly positions and power, of wealth and possessions. This was their problem. Jesus had told them where He was going in simple and clear terms. He had said time and time again that He was to die and rise again and go to the Father.

However, they refused to accept the fact. The result was inevitable. They were misunderstanding what He was saying and doomed to fail in their allegiance to Him.

The man who thinks in worldly terms and lives for the earth (position, power, wealth, honor, possessions) shall never know where Christ has gone nor how to get there. As Christ told Nicodemus, unless he was born again he would not "see the kingdom of God" nor "enter into the kingdom of God."

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The way to God is through Jesus Christ Himself. This is a critical verse, for Jesus said that no man could reach God unless he approached God through Jesus Himself. Note Jesus' claim to deity with “I Am” Jesus made three phenomenal claims.

1. I Am the Way.
2. I Am the Truth.
3. I Am the Life.

One needs to ask why these three, and why did Jesus use them to answer Thomas' question to where Jesus was going.

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## 1. I Am the Way.

The term “way” comes from a word that means “a highway” or “a path followed”. Over time it came to imply “a journey” as you follow that road. It also came to mean a course or path of conduct, thinking, feeling, deciding and being. In Scripture it talks of two roads or paths.

**Matthew 7:13 - “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.”**

One path is wide and it leads to destruction. This speaks of utter ruin and can be translated “damnation” which means to be condemned to hell... A very serious consequence. The other is very narrow, it is a small path and few find it.

Lets take a look at a few verses about these paths.

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## The Way of the Wicked

Psalms 1:6 - For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Proverbs 1:15 - My son, do not walk in the way with them, Keep your foot from their path;

Proverbs 2:12-13 - To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things, 13 From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness.

Proverbs 4:19 - The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble.

Proverbs 12:15 - The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.

Proverbs 14:12 - There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.



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## The Way of the Righteous

Psalms 119:1 - Blessed are the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the Lord!

Proverbs 2:20 - So you may walk in the way of goodness, And keep to the paths of righteousness.

Proverbs 4:11 - I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths.

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## Psalm 1

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. 4 The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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The followers of Jesus have been called many things over the last 2000 years. In the years that immediately followed Jesus crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, following Jesus was known as “the way” .

Acts 9:1-2

Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

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This brings us to our second point.

## 2. I Am the Truth.

John 18:37 records a conversation between Jesus and Pilate.

Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

Jesus came to bear witness of the truth because the world is caught up and enslaved to Satan’s lies. These two paths (life philosophies) stand in stark contrast to each other. One is truth and the other is a lie.

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Jesus not only speaks and lives truth, He is the essence of truth. Truth is ultimate reality. Over 200 verses in

Scripture speak directly to the issue that God's revelation is "truth" and is given to open the eyes and heart of man.

**Psalm 119:105 - Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.**

# The Way to God is Jesus

There is a war raging over the souls of the people of this world and it centers on truth.

What is it that keeps us out of heaven?

What is sin?

Does God weigh my good against my bad?

Can a man work his way back to God?

How can a man find forgiveness from His Creator?

What does God expect from us?

Will God really condemn all those people to hell?

Jesus has told the disciples that He is going back to God. They know the way. Jesus is the Way and has revealed Ultimate Reality (truth) about God, man, the world, and reconciliation.

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## 3. I Am the Life.

The third statement that Jesus Makes is that He is Life.

We need to ponder the idea of what is life and where did it come from. Life is more than the naturalistic mixture of chemicals that make a cell. I can have all the machinery and organelles in a cell, but it needs something more to be alive. It needs a type of energy that eludes man's scientific investigation.

John 1:1-4

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

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The life in our bodies came from and belongs to God. Jesus breathed it into us in the Garden of Eden, and He breathed it out again upon the cross.

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.



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Jesus breathed life into man, therefore our life really belongs to Him. All will stand before God and have to give an account of how they lived. Did they pursue God's truth or did they pursue a lie?

Revelation 20:11-15

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

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The world paints its lie as life, joy, and happiness, yet it is a perversion of those things and the final destination of the world's lie is death.

Jesus states that as a result of sin, we were born into death. We live under the consequences of the curse as our bodies fight off disease and aging. Jesus, Himself stands as the door to the Father and like the Passover Lamb, His blood is painted upon the door so we can enter into the very presence of God and eternal life.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# The ONLY Way to God is Jesus

John 14:6b

No one comes to the Father except through Me.

The world claims that there are many ways to God, you just have to be sincere. This is part of the Lie that pervades the world. The world either denies that there is a God and life after death, or believes that they can get there on their own merit.

The TRUTH is that God does exist, and He has a house, and He has the right to say who can enter and who cannot. It is not a matter of what society believes, but if man will accept the TRUTH of God.

Jesus, as God who has ownership of His house, states that NO ONE can come to the Father except through Him!

## So What ...

What about you?

What path are you on?

If you have not accepted Jesus' gift of salvation,  
you need to do that today!

For those who have accepted Jesus' payment for  
your sin, lets dedicate our lives to walking in  
God's Truth!