

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.

John 14:4-6

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

The Way to God is Jesus

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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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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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Pilate disregards Jesus’ comment, and replies ...
John 8:39 - Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”
And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, “I find no fault in Him at all.

What is Truth?

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Truth can be defined as "ultimate reality". Man can never be sure of truth because of our limited nature. We have not existed in all time and been present everywhere (physical and spiritual realms.).

Only God knows ultimate reality so only He can declare truth. But truth has another side. It can refer to that which is in keeping with "ultimate reality" or "God's Perspective". Jesus is the embodiment of this principle. He does not just "know" truth, He "IS" the Truth!

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Jesus not only knows and lives the truth, He is the essence of truth. He also speaks Truth to us in Scripture so that we may understand "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 to "reality".

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

I AM the TRUTH

The lies of this world bring a person into bondage. The world holds a carrot of what success is about. It says you need power and things and to get ahead of others. There is never enough and it brings a person into bondage to the things that can never satisfy. God must see man as if he is stuck in a hamster wheel spending all his time and energy chasing the carrot. Jesus came to call men to stop chasing stuff and pursue Him instead.

John 8:31-32 - Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

I AM the TRUTH

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.

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The world pursues those things that cannot satisfy, but Jesus came to give us abundant life.

John 10:10

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

In fact, one cannot find true life apart from Jesus

John 5:11-13

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the

Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

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Let’s look at one final aspect of what eternal life is and all its joy. We have not really answered the question of what is “eternal life”, but Jesus answers it for us.

John 17:1-3

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

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!