

The way, the truth and the life

John 14:1-14

Q) Have you ever been lost?

Q) Why might the disciples' hearts have been troubled?

R) Jesus had just (previous chapter) revealed that one of them would betray him

Q) How does it make you feel knowing that if you are a believer then Jesus has prepared a place for you in heaven?

R) you tell me...

Q) What do you think that Thomas's confusion came from?

R) He confused Jesus' statement to mean Jesus was going to a physical place and didn't understand that Jesus's destination was heavenly.

Q) How is Jesus the way?

R) He is the way to Heaven, to communication with the father. There is no way besides him.

Matthew 7:13-14

Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Q) What makes Jesus the way?

R) because He was and is the perfect representation of God. To know Jesus is to know God.

Q) What does this claim mean for other religions?

It also shows the exclusivity of Christianity. No other religion can lead to heaven or being made right with God. They all lead to hell. It also means you can't earn your way to heaven.

Q) How is Jesus the truth?

R) Everything he says is true. He is the source of truth, as the incarnate word of God (John 1:1)

Q) How is Jesus the life?

R) Ephesians 2, “you were dead in your trespasses and sins.” Colossians 3, “Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honour at God's right hand.”

“For God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son, so that whoever believes in him would not die but have eternal life”

We are all sinners and deserve death, but Jesus offers new life. He was nailed to a cross and died a torturous death to take the punishment we deserved upon himself.

Q) What sacrament signifies the public emergence into new life?

R) Baptism

1 Timothy 2 “For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.” Echoes Jesus’s words.

Q) Verse 8, why do you think Phillip asks to see God the father?

R)... ?

Q) Jesus says, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me”. Do you think this danger is also possible for us today?

R) There is the danger of ‘comfortable discipleship’ whereas Christians we can lose our passion to know Jesus better and pursue deeper relationship with him, leaving us in the same place in our faith for years or a lifetime. There is always more to discover in him.

Q) “He who has seen Me has seen the Father” why are these words from Jesus potentially shocking and blasphemous to the Jews around him?

R) It is impossible to make this statement without claiming a certain oneness with God. These words are such that no mere man should utter them.

Q) What does it mean that “The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority”?

R) Jesus lived and spoke in constant dependence upon God the Father and did nothing outside His authority and guidance. We see this again in John 5 “Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.”

Q) How do you think we can seek to model this attitude in our own lives?

R)

1) Taking everything to God. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

2) Seek his guidance for your decisions, "Your word is a lamp to my feet. And a light to my path."

3) And this links to READ and meditate on his word, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

4) Follow his laws. "If you love Me, ^[a]keep My commandments."

Goodnight. Emily and James, any closing remarks?

Pray together.