

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

TODAY I CONTINUE THE SERIES I AM. LAST WEEK JOE TALKED ABOUT JESUS BEING THE LIGHT. THIS WEEK I WILL TALK ABOUT JESUS BEING THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

AS WE GO THROUGH THIS SERIES, IT IS OUR GOAL TO GIVE YOU A GREATER PERSPECTIVE ON THE PERSON OF JESUS.

WHY DO WE WORSHIP HIM AND NOT ALLAH OR BUDDA OR THE UNIVERSE?

THE ANSWER IS.... RELATIONSHIP **EXPLAIN**

YOU SEE, MANY PEOPLE THINK ALL ROADS LEAD TO GOD, WHETHER THEY ADMIT IT OR NOT, AND FROM AN EARTHLY PERSPECTIVE, WHY WOULDN'T THEY?

IF YOU'RE A "GOOD PERSON" WHY SHOULDN'T YOU GET TO GO TO HEAVEN?

Romans 3:10 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁰ As it is written:

"There is no one righteous, not even one;

THE TRUTH IS, ONLY GOD REALLY KNOWS WHO GETS TO BE WITH HIM IN ETERNITY AND WHO DOESN'T

WHAT GOD THE FATHER DID DO FOR US IS, HE SENT US A SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST. JESUS WAS VERY CLEAR WITH HIS INSTRUCTION WHEN HE SAID THIS TO HIS DISCIPLES:

John 14:5-6 New International Version (NIV)

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

HE SAID THIS WITH EMPATHY NOT PRIDE

THE DISCIPLES WERE SCARED WHEN JESUS TOLD THEM HE HAD TO GO. THEY NEEDED DIRECTION. THEY NEEDED TO KNOW THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO, JUST LIKE WE DO

THIS IS THE SIXTH "I AM" STATEMENT OF JESUS

JOHN 6:35- BREAD OF LIFE, JOHN 8:12- LIGHT OF THE WORLD, 10:7, 9- GATE, 10:11, 14- GOOD SHEPHERD, 11:25- RESURRECTION, 14:6- THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE
15:1,5- VINE

TODAY I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THESE THREE STATEMENTS OF JESUS IN JOHN 14:6. I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

THE WAY

JESUS IS GIVING US DIRECTION OR A MAP

THE WORLD CRIES OUT

"I AM LOST AND I CAN'T FIND MY WAY HOME" JESUS STATES TO THE WORLD, " I KNOW THE WAY HOME, IT IS THROUGH ME"

BEFORE THE CHURCH WAS BORN, FOLLOWERS OF JESUS WERE FOLLOWERS OF "THE WAY"

JESUS NEW WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FIND THE WAY SO HE SENT US A GUIDE.....THE HOLY SPIRIT

EXPLAIN JESUS HAD TO BE RESSURECTED

John 14:15-21 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

15 "If you love me, keep my commands. RELATIONSHIP

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— **17** the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be ^[a] in you. RELATIONSHIP

18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. **19** Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. **20** On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. **21** Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them." RELATIONSHIP

ANYONE WHO HAS EARS LET THEM HEAR....JESUS IS GIVING US CLEAR DIRECTION RIGHT HERE...STAY IN RELATIONSHIP WITH ME AND YOU WILL FIND YOUR WAY

John 14:25-27 New International Version (NIV)

25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. **26** But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. **27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

AGAIN, JESUS SPEAKS TO US CLEARLY:

AS WE TRAVEL ON OUR JOURNEY HOME, DO NOT BE AFRAID, I AM WITH YOU..THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OUR TEACHER AND COUNCILER

Romans 15:13 New International Version (NIV)

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

EXPLAIN

Titus 3:4-6 New International Version (NIV)

⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

WE HAVE OUR GUIDE, WE KNOW THE WAY HOME

THE TRUTH

AHH.. THE TRUTH, IT CAN BE HARD TO SWALLOW, IT CAN BE BRUTAL, IT CAN BE UNCOMFORTABLE, EMBARRASSING, AND PAINFUL

IT CAN ALSO BE VERY HEALING, BRING RELIEF, CLARITY, AND FREEDOM

THE TRUTH DOES NOT CHANGE...EVER...WHAT SIDE OF IT WE ARE ON...DOES

WE TEND TO "BEND" THE TRUTH WHEN WE NEED TO MAKE IT FIT OUR ADGENDA....THAT IS HOW DEEP AND SOLID THE TRUTH IS...IT DOESN'T "BEND"...IT JUST IS WHAT IT IS

UNFORTUNATELY, "BENDING" THE TRUTH IS LYING...OUCH

YOU KNOW WHO ELSE "BENDS" THE TRUTH? THE FATHER OF LIES...SATAN

Matthew 4:1-11 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted^[a] by the devil.² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'^[b]"

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'^[c]"

⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'^[d]"

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'^[e]"

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

JESUS WAS TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL WITH

1. **If you are God ..prove it by a miracle of FEEDING THE EARTHLY BODY / FLESH...short cutting the test**
2. **Shortcut the test USING THE MERCY AND GRACE OF THE FATHER AS A TRICK BAG**
3. **failing the test...doing what the devil offered...**
4. **PRIDE AND GLORY OF SELF..**

JESUS WENT TO THE WORD OF GOD FOR TRUTH, EVEN WHEN SATAN TRIED TO "BEND" THE WORD TO FIT HIS ADGENDA

WE MUST KNOW THE WORD GOOD ENOUGH TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE

THE WORD OF GOD IS THE GOSPEL TRUTH, JESUS IS THE WORD IN A HUMAN BODY , THEREFORE, JESUS CHRIST IS THE GOSPEL TRUTH

John 8:31-40 New International Version (NIV)

Dispute Over Whose Children Jesus' Opponents Are

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

FREE FROM WHAT? FEAR, SELF, OTHERS, AND SIN

³³ They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

³⁴ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word. ³⁸ I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your father.^[a]"

³⁹ "Abraham is our father," they answered.

"If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would^[b] do what Abraham did."⁴⁰ As it is, you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things.

John 8:58 New International Version (NIV)

⁵⁸ "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!

EVEN RELIGION AND THE RELIGIOUS CAN MISS THE TRUTH
BE CAREFUL, STUDY THE WORD, HAVE YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE WITH
THE LIVING GOD AND THE TRUTH WORKING IN YOUR LIFE
DON'T RELY ON SOMEONE ELSE TO FIND THE TRUTH, THEN YOU
BELIEVE IN THEM, THEY WILL FALL SHORT, BELIEVE JESUS

THE LIFE

John 5:24-27 New International Version (NIV)

²⁴ "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and **will not be judged** but has crossed over from death to life. ²⁵ Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and **those who hear will live**. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

GOD THE FATHER HAS MADE JESUS CHRIST (OUR ADVOCATE) THE
JUDGE OF MANKIND, THE LIFE GIVER

Eph 1: ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 2:4-9 New International Version (NIV)

⁴ But **because** of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the

coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

GOD THE FATHER SENT JESUS TO US.... TO BE NICE TO US
TO GIVE US LIFE WHEN WE DESERVE DEATH

IT WAS HIS BLOOD THAT WAS SHED FOR THE REMOVAL OF OUR SINS
THE LIFE IS IN THE BLOOD

THE LORD EXPLAINS TO MOSES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT THE
SIGNIFICANCE OF BOTH

Leviticus 17:11 *New International Version (NIV)*

¹¹ For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.^{la}

JESUS BRINGS LIFE TO A LOST AND DIEING WORLD

NOT JUST ETERNAL LIFE, BUT A LIFE THAT IS FULL RIGHT HERE, RIGHT
NOW

John 10:10 *New International Version (NIV)*

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

ARE WE GOING TO HAVE STRUGGLES...YES

ARE WE GOING TO HAVE PAIN...YES

ARE WE GOING TO SUFFER...YES

BUT IN THE MIDST OF ALL THIS, WE WILL FIND JOY, PEACE, LOVE,
VICTORY, AND SERENITY....SUPERNATURALLY

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT LIES ON THE ROAD AHEAD FOR EACH ONE OF US

I CAN ONLY LOOK BACK ON MY OWN LIFE AND SEE GOD'S HAND, GIVING ME THE HOPE AND THE FAITH THAT HE'S IN CONTROL

I CAN ALSO SEE THE MIRACLES, THE BEAUTIFUL MIRACLES THAT GOD HAS DONE IN MY LIFE

SHARE

LIFE WITH JESUS IS ANYTHING BUT BORING, LET ME TELL YOU

IT IS TRULY FULL...IF YOU WANT A LIFE FULL OF PURPOSE AND CHALLENGES... FOLLOW JESUS

IF YOU WANT A LIFE FULL OF LOVE AND RESPECT (FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS)... FOLLOW JESUS

IF YOU WANT A LIFE WHERE YOU'RE A BLESSING AND NOT A CURSE TO THE WORLD AROUND YOU... FOLLOW JESUS

IF YOU WANT A LIFE WHERE EVEN THE DEVIL'S SCHEMES THAT ARE MEANT TO KILL YOU OR AT LEAST RENDER YOU USELESS, INSTEAD MAKE YOU STRONGER AND MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU'VE EVER BEEN...FOLLOW JESUS

IF YOU WANT A LIFE WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEAR DEATH AT ALL BECAUSE ETERNAL LIFE IS GUARANTEED...FOLLOW JESUS

IF YOU WANT A FULL LIFE...FOLLOW JESUS