



Part 6: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

In a pluralistic world, people scoff at exclusive claims, especially religious ones. Of all the “I Am” statements in the Gospel of John, perhaps the one in chapter 14 is the most controversial. The nature of Jesus’ claim urges everyone to give careful consideration to its truthfulness. If true, eternity hangs in the balance.

Bottom Line: Jesus is the way to God.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some widely accepted “truths” that you believe to be false? —OR—
What are some things that are true but that you don’t like or wish were different?
 2. **Read John 14:1-3.** What do you find most encouraging from these words of Jesus?
 3. **Read John 14:6.** Jesus was crystal clear: he is the only way to the Father. But why? Why can’t there be multiple ways to salvation? Consider the passages on the next page and discuss your findings.
 4. How is Jesus the way, the truth, and the life in your life?
What can you do this week to deepen your relationship with Christ?
Whom do you need to tell about the way Jesus offers to a relationship with God?
 5. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you? How can the group pray for or encourage you this week?
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John 8:21, 23–24 (CSB)

²¹Then he said to them again, “I’m going away; you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I’m going, you cannot come.” ²³“You are from below,” he told them, “I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴Therefore I told you that you will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I am he, you will die in your sins.”

John 3:36 (CSB)

³⁶The one who believes in the Son has eternal life, but the one who rejects the Son will not see life; instead, the wrath of God remains on him.

Romans 5:12; 3:23; 6:23 (CSB)

5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all people, because all sinned.

3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:16–17, 21–22, 56–57 (CSB)

¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man. ²²For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

1 Thessalonians 5:9–10 (CSB)

⁹For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

1 Timothy 2:3–6 (CSB)

³This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, a testimony at the proper time.

Hebrews 9:6–8, 11–14, 24–28 (CSB)

⁶With these things prepared like this, the priests enter the first room repeatedly, performing their ministry. ⁷But the high priest alone enters the second room, and he does that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. ⁸The Holy Spirit was making it clear that the way into the most holy place had not yet been disclosed while the first tabernacle was still standing. ¹¹But Christ has appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come. In the

greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands (that is, not of this creation), ¹²he entered the most holy place once for all time, not by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow, sprinkling those who are defiled, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works so that we can serve the living God? ²⁴For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with hands (only a model of the true one) but into heaven itself, so that he might now appear in the presence of God for us. ²⁵He did not do this to offer himself many times, as the high priest enters the sanctuary yearly with the blood of another. ²⁶Otherwise, he would have had to suffer many times since the foundation of the world. But now he has appeared one time, at the end of the ages, for the removal of sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for people to die once — and after this, judgment — ²⁸so also Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Hebrews 10:19–22 (CSB)

¹⁹Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have boldness to enter the sanctuary through the blood of Jesus — ²⁰he has inaugurated for us a new and living way through the curtain (that is, through his flesh) — ²¹and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water.

1 Peter 3:18 (CSB)

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.

1 John 4:9–10 (CSB)

⁹God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 5:11–13 (CSB)

¹¹And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²The one who has the Son has life. The one who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.