

Introduction: Jesus Makes His Most Controversial Claim About Himself

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6, NIV)

THE WAY

The Context – When, Where, & Why Did Jesus Make This Claim?

- **When** = The Last Supper (John 13:1-5)
 - Jesus knew His time to leave this world had come and go to the Father.
 - He wanted now to show His disciples the full extent of _____.
 - Jesus knew 3 vital truths about Himself.
- **Where** = The Private Upper Room (John 13:6-38)
 - He washes their feet.
 - He predicts His betrayal.
 - Judas departs.
 - Jesus explains, "NOW is the time!"
 - A bold prediction made.
- **Why** = Because the Disciples Are Distaught (John 14:1-4)
 - Jesus confronts their emotional trauma with a command. v. 1
 - Jesus makes 6 Promises on which to "Trust Him" in the trauma:
 1. In my Father's house are many residents surrounding Him. v. 2
 2. I go to prepare a place for you. v. 2
 3. I will come back again. v.3
 4. I will receive you to myself. v. 3
 5. Where I am, there you will be also. v. 3
 6. You know "the way" where I'm going. v. 4

Thomas – "How can we know the way?" v. 5

Jesus – I am THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE. No one comes to the Father except through me." v. 6-7

Philip – "Show us the Father!" v. 8

Jesus explains He is “One Essence” (in unity) with the Father and _____ in Him and His Words/Promises will...

- lead to greater impact and access. v. 12-14
- deeper love evidenced by obedience. v. 15
- result in the Holy Spirit’s presence “in them” forever. v. 16-20
- spur obedience to Jesus’ teaching as the proof of love for Him; resulting in deeper experiences of the Father and Son’s love and presence in their lives. v. 21

Because God Loves Me...

1. Jesus is preparing a _____ for me. v. 1-4
2. He sent Jesus to make a _____ for me to be with the Father. v. 5-7
3. He sent Jesus to _____ to me what God is really like. v. 8-11
4. He will _____ me greatly and hear me always. v. 12-14
5. He sent the _____ to live inside of me to manifest the presence, personality, and power of Jesus 24/7. v. 15-21

Because I love God...

1. I will not _____ because my future is secure. v. 1-4
2. I will _____ in Jesus as the only way to eternal Life. v. 5-7
3. I make _____ the #1 priority of my life. v. 8-11
4. I will _____ my time, talent, treasure, and platform to make Jesus’ love known in mind and deed. v. 12-14
5. I will _____ my heart and mind, and will _____ the Holy Spirit’s direction through His word, His people, and His promptings. v. 15-21