

Walking With Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life

Study Guide for Lesson Six—February 22, 2013

Day One:

"I am Way and the Truth and the Life"

We are on the second *duet* of the I Am's that end in 'Life'. Last week was the **Resurrection and the Life** and now for this week—Read **John 14:6**. Write it out here:

If you had no supporting Scriptures—what would you say that this verse means?

The wonderful thing is we DO have support Scriptures to help us learn what Jesus means by **The Way, The Truth and the Life!** It is always useful to know the setting of whatever portion of Scripture we are studying. 'I Am the Bread of Life' was spoken to the crowd near the Sea of Galilee; 'I Am the Light of the World' to the people in the Temple courts. 'I Am the Gate' and 'The Good Shepherd' to a gathering that included Pharisees, disciples and perhaps even the healed man. 'I am the Resurrection and the Life' to Martha. Now let's determine who is listening for this week's I Am.

The setting for this statement is recorded in all four gospels. Use these passages to discover WHO was there, WHAT was happening, WHAT was being celebrated, WHERE they were:

Matt. 26:17-19

Mark 14:12-17

Luke 22:7-14

John 13:1-2

Now finished reading **John chapter 13**.

All four gospel writers tell us about that Passover celebration with amazing consistency in their details. They all tell of Jesus prophesying Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial which are worthy of study (but remember, we are here for the *eagles* so we will save those portions for another time.



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Day Two:

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Read **John 14:1-4**. I can imagine the intense emotional tone that must have settled upon this group after the intimacy of sharing the Passover meal and all the other conversations at that meal. Jesus has much to tell the disciples now. Flip through your Bible pages and identify the end of Jesus talking to them. How many chapters are given to this one place and time?

What are the first seven words that Jesus said in chapter 14?

What does Jesus give as a remedy for a troubled heart?

Just meditate on that phrase as you go about your day —
apply it to anything that troubles your heart currently.

Now the conversation seems to modify a little to precisely why they should not be troubled. How does Jesus describe His Father's house? What is his role in that preparation?

Read **John 14:5-7**. Thomas is the one that is brave enough to speak for all of them and tell Jesus they didn't know (or understand) two things. What are those two things?

A)

B)

Jesus' reply to this fog was "**I AM the way, the truth and the life**". We will study each of those in the last two days of our lesson, but I'll warn you we will take them out of order — so don't get worried — you're not confused. We will study 'the truth', 'the way' and 'the life'.

Let's end today with some phrases from verses 2-4 (out of order) to give us an interesting perspective on Jesus' reply to Thomas:

The Way: *"You know the way to the place where I am going"*

The Truth: *"I am going there to prepare a place for you"*

The Life: *"That you also may be where I am"*



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Day Three:

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The Truth:

Because Jesus came to the lost sheep of Israel (**Matt. 15:24**) his mission was to explain truth about His Father and truth about His Father's plan to his people:

*"If you really knew me you would know my Father as well.
From now on you do know him and have seen him." (John 14:7)*

John uses the phrase "my Father" more times in his writings than all other New Testament writers combined. Our young John was listening and picking up on Jesus' passion that his people should know **the truth** about God's plan. By searching through the gospel of John—let's focus in on **the truth** about Jesus' relationship to His Father. (Jot notes as you go)

- John 3:35
- John 5:17, 19
- John 6:37, 44
- John 10:17-18
- John 10:30
- John 14:31
- John 16:28

It is clear how often and carefully Jesus went about explaining **The Truth** about his relationship to Father God in his public ministry. It may seem intensely 'doctrinal' and you may not see it's relevance to your life—but we live among people who are very confused on the issue of exactly WHO Jesus is in relation to God and this day of study is time very well spent!

Read **John 14:8-14**. Circle each "Father" write down any further insights:

Another 'truth' begins in v.12. Not only did God accomplish great works on earth through Jesus. What does God intend to do through us? What do you think will be required for those works?



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Day Four:

“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life”

Today we focus on *The Way* to a vibrant relationship with God through the *Spirit of Truth*.

Read **John 14:15-18**:

Who is being promised to come live with us?

What is to be our relationship with the Spirit of Truth?

What will the world’s reaction be toward him?

What does Jesus mean— *“I will not leave you as orphans?”*

Read **John 14:23-26**:

How do love and obedience factor into this relationship?

What will be the benefit of having the Holy Spirit live in us?

Oh my! We could stop right here and do an 8-week study just on the Holy Spirit! It is tempting—but we need to finish what we started:

- **The Truth** is that Jesus and the Father are One. (**John 10:30**)
- **The Way** to eternal life is by believing in Jesus for forgiveness of sins (**John 3:16**)
- **The Life** we can enjoy is two fold:
 - Abundant life here on earth empowered by the Holy Spirit of God living within us
 - Eternal existence as we eventually live with God forever.

Let’s investigate more of John’s words to give substance to these realities of life. Personalize these words and write down what they mean FOR YOU!

John 5:24-26

John 6:40

John 10:10b

John 10:27-28

I Am the Way and the Truth and the Life. How does THIS particular name of God affect YOU personally today. How does God Almighty want to relate to you based on THIS name:

