

The Way, Truth, & Life

WEEK SIX



THE SEVEN CLAIMS OF JESUS

SERIES BIG IDEA:

Jesus is God; therefore, He is Lord.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

John 14:1-5 (NIV)

We often feel like we don’t know where God is leading.

- **Job - Book of Job**
- **Gideon - Judges 6-8**
- **Jonah - Book of Jonah**
- **John the Baptist -Matthew 11:2-6**
- **Thomas - John 14:5**

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

John 14:6-7 (NIV)

Jesus wants us to orient our identity in Him.

Way = How

Truth = Why

- **For Jesus to be the Way in our lives, we need to submit to His will.**
- **For Jesus to be our Truth, we need to ensure our identity is cemented in Him.**

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

If we want to live our own way and in our own truth, we will not have access to God’s life.

When we follow Jesus as the way and believe in Him as the truth, we experience the life the Father wants for us.

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

John 14:8-12 (NIV)

The life we lead is evidence of our belief.

Will I embrace His way and His truth because I want His life?

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MY NOTES:



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

The life we lead is the evidence of our belief. This is a sobering statement because for most people our lives are shaped a lot by what we can control and are driven by our desires.

When that happens what our lives say is that we believe in us and not in God. That we are committed to our way and not the way of the Lord. That we believe in our "truth" more than we believe in The Truth.

Jesus gives us a choice and allows us to decide whose way we will follow but only one way leads to life.

So as you look at your life do you believe that Jesus is the answer to "How" we respond to life and the answer to "Why" we should live a certain way? Does your life reflect that?

You see if you choose to live life your way and through the filter of your "truth" then the life you lead will not be the life we were created to lead. It will be something far less.

So choose wisely.

TALK IT OVER:

Who do you believe Jesus to be?

What "truth" in your life are you clinging to that is in opposition to the ultimate Truth of Jesus?

What is stopping you from turning that over to Christ and letting Him be the Way, the Truth, and ultimately the Life in your life?

What is one next step you can take today?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

Day 1) John 10:7-10

Day 2) John 10:14-18

Day 3) John 1:1-4, 12; Matthew 28:18

Day 4) John 14:15-26

Day 5) John 10:25-30

Day 6) Romans 6:1-7