

FEASTING ON THE FAITHFULNESS OF *JESUS*

The Way, the Truth, and the Life

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INTRODUCTION: Most of us are familiar with Jesus' statement, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

But let us read those words in their context. They come from one of my favorite passages of Scripture.

John 14:1-7 NKJV 1 "Let not your heart be troubled;

A. Why not?

1. They lived under an oppressive government.
2. They recognized – Jesus as Messiah.
3. But, He didn't change the government and now He was telling them He was about to be killed. They were troubled. What does Jesus know they don't? Read on.

you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

B. This world is not your home. My Father has a place for you. I'm going and you can come too!

1. We Americans may be guilty of being satisfied with life in this world more than citizens of any other country. We've had our challenges and tragedies over the years, but for most life has been good comparatively.

4 And where I go you know, and the way you know." 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

Jesus is always the right way, the total truth, and the best life.

JESUS IS THE WAY – THE WAY TO WHAT?

- **The way to heaven** – to His Father's house – a description of the New Jerusalem which will descend from heaven after the earth and heavens are remade at the beginning of the Eternal Kingdom.
 - Remember, when we die, our soul and spirit go immediately to either heaven or hell, awaiting the resurrection of the body.
 - How we have responded to Jesus is what determines where we go when we die.

- **Jesus is the way to forgiveness.** Paul on the road to Damascus, having been blinded said in Acts 26:15-18 NKJV 15 So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 16 But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. 17 I will deliver you from the *Jewish* people, as well as *from the Gentiles*,

See! Paul had no side on his side! But it was ok because Paul was on Jesus' side!

to whom I now send you, 18 to open their eyes, *in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'*

Forgiveness is valuable, not only because it is required to abide in heaven in the presence of God, but because of the benefit it gives our souls to be unburdened by guilt.

- **Jesus is the way to righteousness.** Romans 3:21-22 NKJV 21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even **the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ**, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;
 - Lost people sometimes do good things.
 - But without Christ, no one can fully do good, with pure motive and integrity of heart.
 - John 15:5 NKJV "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for **without Me you can do nothing**.
 - Why do we see so much evil in a world we call civilized? Often times, there is nothing civil about it. Because most of our world, most of the citizens of our country do not have Christ.
 - Why is there so much deception, and why are people so easily deceived? Because the vast majority of people everywhere are without the Lord Jesus in their lives. They cannot tell the difference between righteousness and unrighteousness. That is why so often they call evil good and good evil.
 - And this reminds us that the only solution to this is the gospel!
- **Jesus is the way to successful living.** John 20:31 NKJV but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing **you may have life** in His name.
 - The Lord Jesus wants us to live well!
 - Here and now, as well as for eternity!
- **Jesus is the way to eternal life.** John 3:16 NKJV For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Life forever with God! The difference here from Jesus being the way to heaven is that time is the emphasis. FOREVER!