

## “The Way, The Truth, and The Life”

John 14:1-7

Central Idea: Belief in Jesus is the only way to a relationship with the Father.

### I. The Context of the “I am” Statement (1-5)

- In the life of Christ:
  - Speaking with the disciples in the upper room
  - Hours before Jesus’ betrayal and arrest
- Of the words themselves:
  - Right after Peter is told He will deny Jesus that night
- “Do not let your heart be troubled” = “stop being troubled”
  - Instead, trust in God
    - “Keep the faith”
- Two things Jesus will do: (2-3)
  - Go and prepare
    - He prepares a permanent dwelling place
  - Come and take
    - He will return and bring believers to be with Him
  - Both His leaving and His return are certain
- Jesus says they know the way to the Father’s house (4)
  - Thomas disagrees and asks a question (5)

### II. The Content of the “I am” Statement (6)

- The Way
  - The disciples know the way, because Jesus is the way

- The Truth
  - Jesus is legitimate in His claims and actions
  - The saving truth of the Gospel is found only in Christ
- The Life
  - Jesus is the source of abundant life
- Jesus is exclusive
  - He is the only way to God
  - The only one who brings truth and life from God
  - These things do not exist apart from Christ

### III. The Consequence of the “I am” Statement (6-7)

- Jesus provides exclusive access to the Father
  - Makes the Father visible (Col. 1:15)
- Our relationship with the Father comes through the Son
  - To know God we must know Jesus, because He is God
    - Jesus’ claims then must be true (Heb. 6:18)

### Application:

- Jesus Provides Access to the Father
  - He is the only way to heaven
  - Hebrews 4:16
- Jesus Provides Knowledge of the Father
  - He makes the Father truly knowable to us
- Jesus Provides Life from the Father
  - He offers those who believe eternal and abundant life