

JESUS IS THE WAY

John 14:1-14

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Many people today are quite satisfied with themselves. They are confident that everything in their eternal destiny is going according to plan.

The fact of the matter is that no one can deny that we are made of flesh and blood and have a very short life to live. Every one of us will at some time depart from this flesh and body that we carry around with us each day.

➤ Q. Who is prepared for that great day?

For the most part, many people don't like to think ahead towards that time that they know will soon come. By not addressing the matter in the present time, gives them a temporary greater peace for their lives that they are currently living. But the truth of the matter cannot be put aside for too long. It will come. And it comes quicker than what most people like to think that it will come.

If we are concerned, and we should be, as to what will happen to us, then we should and can come to the Lord, our Great Saviour to redeem us. He is a great Saviour and will help us in our time of need. That time of need is the time when we come to realize that we are doomed sinners, in need of a Saviour to "save us" from our sins. A saviour that will forever save us from the power of sin and its consequences. That great picture of our Lord saving Peter from drowning as he stepped out in faith to be with Jesus is a great picture of how the Lords hand is capable of saving us when we reach out to Him and call upon Him for salvation.

Matthew 14:29-31 ²⁹And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. ³¹And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

1. I would like to also mention ourselves this morning as people in need of a Saviour.
2. Whilst we may or may not have called upon, or placed our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ at some time in our lives. We may not be sure within our selves, as to the comfort that we ought to feel in knowing Him.
3. This may be as a result of a lack of faith on our part, and maybe even a doubt as to the Lords capabilities to save us?
4. So this morning I would like us all to focus on the scripture before us, and see if we can see ourselves, or people we may know in this very situation.

John 14:1-14

¹Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

- a) Way back in the OT, we see that God has revealed who He is, and has many times revealed His character to us. This was even the case as Moses declared in the Psalms.

Psalm 90:1 ¹Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

- b) We find here that in the OT the Jews were quick to believe that there was a God, who they declared to be the God of Abraham. But, even as they had declared that to be so, they were very reluctant to believe anything else. This is kind of what is happening today.
- c) People tend to want to believe that there is a “God”, and that it is sufficient for them to have eternal life?. They are reluctant to believe that it is essential to believe in Jesus Christ for their salvation.
- d) This kind of belief system is responsible for the merging of many religions to be equal with one another, all believing that believing in a “God” or “god” is sufficient to enter the realms of heaven and salvation.
- e) Nothing could be further from the truth.

➤ ***1 Timothy 2:3-5 ³For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; ⁴Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;***

➤ How about our most known scripture, John 3:16, which says...

➤ ***John 3:13-17 ¹³And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: ¹⁵That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.***

- f) The simple question our Lord Jesus was saying to His disciples, would become the greatest stumbling block for many religious people. Even then, and Even now.
- g) The call from our Savior was to “Believe in Him also”. He said “Let not your heart be troubled”. You see if we are troubled by our “heart”, which is effectively our “conscience and belief”, then we do not have faith in what He is saying, and that is that, Jesus Christ is part of the trinity, the second person in the Godhead, and that we do not regard Him as such.
- h) The lack of such faith is what causes a man to be “troubled in his heart.” It results in unbelief.

²In 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.

- a) Our Lord, follows up His qualification by associating Himself with His Father. Our God in heaven. He qualifies the realms of His Father, and tells of the place that the Lord has prepared for them that believe. The place of being with him forever. It is a place that the Lord has himself prepared for the believer. It is Gods Domain.
- b) Just like in John 2:16, where the Lord overthrew the tables of those that made the physical Lords house into a den of thieves.
- ***John 2:16 ¹⁶And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.***
- c) Just so the Lord speaks of His house that has many mansions which he has prepared for those he has chosen, who are those that believe in Him.
- d) It will not be a mansion made by the hands of men but that which will be prepared by the Lord.

³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

- a) The word "if I go and prepare a place for you" signifies the place of the believer.
- b) The promise is to the believer only and "that he will come again and receive you unto himself".
- c) It is a promise for eternity, it is a promise of security, and it is a promise of reliability. And lastly it is a promise of surety.
- d) Wherever that is, he assures the believer that he will be with them also.

⁴And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

- a) It is no secret as to where the Lord Jesus will go. He will be with the Father in Heaven.
- b) The way he will go is also no secret for the Lord had told his disciples.
- c) In the later parts of verse 10-12, the Lords tells of that very departure to be with His Father.

⁵Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

- a) Sometimes we are hard of hearing and hard in believing. Just like Thomas.
- b) The hard of hearing and the hard in believing is faith. We just don't like to think that it's so simple to believe in the Lord, and that somehow we must come another way.
- c) Well there is no other way, but by the Lord.
- d) Many times as the Lord had spoken to His disciples he had told them all of the things to come, but still they stumbled at His word of truth.

- e) Thomas would become one of those disciples who would doubt until he saw eventually for himself. **John 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God.**
- f) The Lord had shown the way to Him was by Faith in Him. How could Thomas not have known.

⁶Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

- a) What a reminder it must have been to the question of Thomas.
 - b) Jesus said in reply to Thomas question “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
 - c) In the same words of our LORD, it means that there is no way to come to God the Father, but by Jesus His Son.
 - d) You either have to take it, believe it or leave it. That gate, which is our Lord, is the gate that is narrow, the way is narrow and there be few that find it. Not many will find Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.
- **John 11:25 ²⁵Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:**
 - **Ephesians 2:18 ¹⁸For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.**

⁷If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

- a) Jesus refreshes Thomas mind, by reminding him of some significant facts facing his belief.
- b) He said “If you had known me”. Then you should have known my Father.
- c) This is again true of many who claim they are Gods people. They have not known God, because they have not known His Son.
- d) The answer to Thomas question was simple. The Lord Jesus said “from hence forth you have seen Him, speaking of the fact that just as Thomas had come face to face with Jesus the Son of God, he had literally seen the Father himself.
- e) To deny Jesus is also to deny God the Father, as so many people have already done.

⁸Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

- a) Just how foolish can we be?
- b) Here Phillip asks the same question as Thomas, was he blind also. Are we as blind as them both?

⁹Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?

- a) This is the same reply the Lord gave to Thomas.

- b) Even though Phillip had spent so much time with the Lord, he had missed the point.
- c) He had missed the opportunity to truly learn who Jesus our Lord was and is.
- d) It is often the case with ourselves. We can be so long in our Christianity that we spend so much time in the Word of our Lord, only to gain more information maybe but never really coming to know personally who the Lord Jesus Christ really is.
- e) We may spend much time in the Word, but not much time with the Lord Himself.
- f) The Lord needs to be real to us, or we have missed the mark, and our worship is in vain.
- g) To know the Lord, does not just show up in how much time we put in reading the Word of our Lord, but also how much time we spend in prayer, and doing things for the Lord.
- h) Also to know the Lord will show in the natural outworking of our life for Him, and before Him in our every day walk with Him.

¹⁰Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

➤ ***Colossians 1:15 ¹⁵Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:***

- a) If ever you have doubts as to the glory or deity of our Lord Jesus, look to the scriptures such as these and draw from them the comfort and reassurance of His majestic power and glory divine.
- b) The words our Lord spoke to Phillip and Thomas were words that they had some reservations of who Jesus really was.
- c) That is why he said to Philip in verse 10 ¹⁰*Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me?*

➤ ***Hebrews 1:3 ³Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:***

¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

- a) In light of the severity of these questions we ought to examine ourselves as to what we believe.
- b) Just imagine for a moment that Thomas and Phillip had the Lord with them for a long time and look how they acted and reacted?
- c) Are we any different? That we should not examine ourselves for the faith that we have?

¹²Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

- a) Our Lord, calls us to duty.
- b) Our Lord acknowledges to those that believe in Him and on Him, won't just sit and do nothing, but will do the righteous works of the Father.
- c) They will be evangelistic in heart, and have feet shod with the gospel of our Lord.
- d) The Lord told every believer as he ascended to be with the Father to evangelize the world.

➤ **Matthew 28:18-20 ¹⁸And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

¹³And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

- a) When we ask in His name he will answer the request.
- b) To ask in His name means to ask according to His will not ours.
- c) The problem is we mostly ask for things that we want.

¹⁴If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

- a) The asking must be in the Lords name when we do come to ask.
- b) It is not by any other that we should ask but by His name.

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