

John 14:1-7 Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life

1. John 13 gives the story leading to these statements
 - a. Jesus teaches/foretells the near future
 - b. Jesus washes the disciples feet – explains servanthood and holiness
 - c. Jesus reveals Judas as the betrayer
 - d. Jesus foretells Peters denial
2. With all this, Jesus says, “Let not your heart be troubled!?!?”
 - a. The ultimate ‘bad news – good news’ scenario
 - b. Have faith greater than the trouble at hand
 - c. God is never taken aback by trouble
 - i. He is always prepared
 - ii. He has a prepared place for you and me
 - d. “If it were not so, I would have told you...”
 - i. As if speaking to calm children
 - ii. He is saying to remember and hold steady
3. Thomas speaks his mind – “we don’t know where you are going!?”
 - a. “How can we know the way?”
 - b. Thomas contends Jesus is speaking in riddle
4. Jesus makes the statement that is at the heart of debate in our world today more than any other statement
 - a. I AM THE WAY- And the Truth -And the life
(I AM THE WAY-This is what our focus is today)
5. Jesus as the WAY is held in debate and rejection today by the politically correct and new age spiritualism
 - a. Even some respected and well-intentioned religious leaders have given way to Jesus being “a” way but maybe not THE way.
 - b. Such statements and Jesus’ correlation of being one with God ultimately led to his rejection and crucifixion.
 - c. They still do lead to rejection and crucifixion afresh.
6. We who hold to this claim are considered “narrow”

Mathew 7:13 read “Enter by the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.”---Bible goes on to tell us- Read verse 14 “Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

These words were from JESUS

- a. Jesus died for the sins of all humankind.
 - b. In Jesus we find fulfillment of all the promises God made to Israel and to humanity
7. Look closely at this statement- “LETS BREAK IT DOWN!”
 - a. “I” – Jesus alone – don’t look for another path or avenue to the Father
 - b. “AM” Jesus takes on the language of God the Father – God spoke to Moses and said “I AM” is sending you.
 - i. Am – a derivative of the word “be” as to exist and to live = To exist in actuality; have life or reality: *I think, therefore I am.*
 - c. “THE” – as in singular, only existing (not “a” way)
 - d. “WAY” – Other paths may seem plausible, but there is only one way, path, road, direction, method, and course.
 8. Acceptance of this teaching of Jesus ultimately depends upon acceptance of the Bible as the Word of God for us today.
 - a. If we believe the Bible to be the true written Word of God speaking to us...
 - b. If we believe Jesus speaks the truth in all he says...
 - c. If we believe our relationships here on this earth and our eternal hope rests in the truths of Scripture
 - d. Then... Jesus is the Way we must follow.
 9. Since Jesus is the WAY; there is hope.
 - a. All others offer no definitive end result
 - i. Reincarnation until we get it right?
 - ii. Uncertainty of our goodness and good works?
 - iii. All others offer only a “hope so” existence
 - iv. Jesus gives us an assurance of salvation and a Hope that is brighter than the perfect day!