

# ***I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life***

***John 14:1-7***

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***Do you want the real Jesus of the Bible or the Jesus of our personal design?***

## ***He Gets Us Commercials (Superbowl)***

Permit me to share the one ad you will never see in the Superbowl of Media:

***Jesus said: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me."  
Believe it!***

***Listen to the real Jesus: 14 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.***

*Pastor, when we die what really happens to us and our bodies?*

First is *John 17:3 "Now this is eternal life, that they know you the one true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."*

Eternal life is predominately being with God the Father and God the Son Jesus-it is a living relationship! The place doesn't matter, what matters is being with Jesus.

Second verse is found right here in John 14: *3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.*

Jesus will meet you at the final moment!

*4 And you know the way to where I am going."5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"*

While King Solomon insists in Ecc. 3 that *"eternity is in our hearts"* we often don't know where to find the answer.

***"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."*** Romans 10:17 Faith comes when we personally, usually one on one, share what Jesus has done in our life and what he can do in others lives as well. Personal sharing of the gospel through your experience is the best method for reaching the "hearts" of others. When others hear, not just by ears, by in the heart they become follows of Jesus.

This is why we keep going back to **2 Cor. 5:16-21** that tell us, believers:

***YOU ARE THE MINISTERS OF RECONCILIATION  
YOU ARE THE AMBASSADORS OF THE GOSPEL.***

It is your heart for Jesus that communicates the Gospel.

<sup>6</sup> *Jesus said I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

Right here we have **Three Key Insights** into Jesus being “**I Am**” **God himself**:

I am the Way: You can have Purpose and direction for living.

I am the Truth-You will have accuracy in what is true and what is not true.

I am the Life-I give you eternal perspective and power for living now.

*I AM THE WAY:* (The light, door, and good shepherd pointed to the Way)

*I AM THE TRUTH:-- I am the Light of the World,* (Light to the world and bread pointed to the truth)

*I AM THE LIFE:--I am Resurrection and the life.* Resurrection and life, the vine, and bread of life pointed to the life. (Thank you Misrak Adoga for the Biblical Insights)

<sup>6</sup> *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.* It is precisely this statement: *No one comes to the Father except through me,* that rubs most people the wrong way.

Jesus is exclusive: *“Folks, it is my way or the highway!”*

But in this crazy, wicked, painful world there are no real answers to life and eternity apart from Jesus **HERE IS THE CHIEF ONE**:



*Mohammed said: I don't know the purpose of life.*



*Buddha said: Seek for the truth.*



*Confucius said: I am not the way.*



*Jesus said: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the father but by me.*

<sup>7</sup> *If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”*

So who do you pray to? Three ways for the Christian to pray:

**The Father in Jesus' name. To Jesus directly. To God the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name.  
The common denominator? JESUS!**

*God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit,  
I want the real Jesus!*

*From this moment onward let his name rule  
my heart, mind, soul and body forever! Amen*