

REVIEW:

- I AM THAT I AM (Exodus 3:6-15) The father or Abraham, Isaac & Jacob - Jesus is I AM (John 8:54-58)
- I AM the Bread of life, Light of the world, the Door, the Good Shepherd, and the Resurrection.

I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE: JOHN 14:1-6 & 17:1-23

John 14:1-6 (NIV) - 1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God ; believe also in me. 2My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4You know the way to the place where I am going.” 5Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” 6Jesus answered, “**I am the way and the truth and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through me. 7If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” 8Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” 9Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. 15 “If you love me, keep my commands. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

- The **WAY TO & OF** the FATHER (v.7-9)
- The **INVITATION** (v.11)
- The **RESULT (LIFE)** (v.12)
- The **WAY** (v.15)
- The **TRUTH** (v.17)
- The **LIFE** (v.19-21)

John 17:1-23 (NIV) - 1After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3**Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.** 4I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. 6 “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. 9I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. 10All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. 11I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. 12While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. 13 “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still

in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. 14I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. 18As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

- The LIFE (v.3)
- The TRUTH (v.8)
- The LIFE (v.14-15)
- The TRUTH (v.17)
- The WAY (v.17-19)

THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE:

20 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—23I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

QUESTIONS:

- Jesus claims He is the only way to God. What other ‘ways’ to God have you heard of besides Jesus? Are there any ‘ways’ to God that **do not** include how one lives? Discuss.
- What are some things in your life that you would say you do “God’s way?” What are some things in your life that you do “Your way?”
- Jesus says He is the way TO God and the way OF God. The way OF God is TRUTH. According to these passages, how can we know the truth (the way of God)?
- What is eternal life according to John 17:3? What do you think it means to ‘know’?
- Being sanctified means being set apart and made different. We are sanctified by the TRUTH. Believing and obeying the truth of God results in change. What are some things in you that you’d like to change? How can you take a next step towards discovering and obeying God’s truth that will lead to change?