

Jesus Alone

John 14:4-6

4 And where I go you know, and the way you know." 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. NKJV

As we stated last week, Jesus is trying to comfort and reassure His disciples. They are going to go through the greatest challenge to their faith possible when Jesus is crucified the very next day.

Jesus is trying to give them something to hang onto when they are so vulnerable. When their faith will be the weakest He wants them to have something that will get them through.

One of the most blessed words of scripture is, "And it came to pass." Everything comes only to pass, never to stay. We just need to hold fast during those dark days and God will send the light, if we will but wait for it.

I. Did they know?

- A. Jesus said they knew where He was going and they knew the way, while Thomas said they did not.
 - 1. They had heard Jesus say that He was going to be crucified.
 - 2. They had heard Jesus say that He came from the Father and was returning to the Father.
 - 3. In several parables Jesus had indicated that He would return to His Father and then later He would return to earth with great celebration.
- B. You see they really did know but it was something that they just pushed out of their mind until they could do that no longer.
 - 1. It is a human condition that tries to deny the undeniable.
 - 2. Look at the response of Peter when Jesus had first said that He was going to leave this world.
 - a. Matt 16:21-22, 21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. 22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" NKJV
 - 3. They just could not understand.
 - a. Luke 9:43-45 But while everyone marveled at all the things which Jesus did, He said to His disciples, 44 "Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the

hands of men." 45 But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying. NKJV

- C. Like Peter, we are often not looking for God's will but our own.
 - 1. Mt 16:23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."
 - 2. We do not see things the way that God does, in a sense we just cannot see them like God does.
- D. There was a sense in which they did not know.
 - 1. They had never experienced what Jesus was talking about.
 - 2. They had never seen someone raised gloriously from the dead to never die again.
 - 3. They did not know of anyone who had actual knowledge of heaven.
 - 4. So there is a sense in that they did not know.
 - 5. So with us.
 - a. We take the testimony of Jesus.
 - b. The Spirit of God bears witness in our hearts that it is so.
 - c. But we really accept it on faith.

II. Jesus Alone

- A. Jesus is the only Way.
 - 1. In each of these claims, Jesus does not claim to be "a" way but "the" way.
 - 2. In the old pluralism, everyone was able to believe what they wanted regardless how wrong.
 - 3. In the new pluralism, everyone is to agree that everyone is right, regardless of how ridiculous it is.
 - 4. And if you do not agree that everyone is right then you are a bigot, what a grand way to squash dissent.
 - 5. Every major world religion is mutually exclusive in their teaching and only in the western world are people so gullible so as to claim that everyone is equally correct.
 - 6. Jesus is the only way.
 - a. The only way to God.

- b. The only way to eternal life.
 - c. The only way to happiness and fulfilment in life.
- B. He is the truth.
1. He does not say that He told the truth but that truth was wrapped up in Him.
 2. Outside of Him you will only find error.
 - a. Oh there will be some truth, Satan always mixes good stuff in with the poison to make it attractive.
 - b. All of the cults and the isms have some truth, but they deny Jesus in one way or the other.
 3. The world says we will show you the truth about happiness.
 - a. It is not found in money or things, the more things most people have, the more dissatisfied they become.
 - b. It is not found in substances that alter our perception of reality, for we need to look no further than Hollywood to see the heartbreak of that type of life.
 - c. It isn't found in fame, else why would those with fame turn to things that alter one's perception of reality.
 4. They claim to have the truth about the unknowable things of our world, such as where life came from and where we are going.
 - a. Some people claim that the theory of evolution has been around so long that it has moved on to fact.
 - b. But almost all of the early assumptions that evolution was based on have now been abandoned by evolutionist.
 - c. Even the newest idea that life arrived here on a meteorite has now been debunked.
 - d. Evolution's main tenant is we will believe anything but God.
 - e. Of and by the way in academia there is no pluralism on evolution.
 5. Jesus is the truth, you can anchor your soul on Him.
- C. He is the life.
1. He is the source of life.
 2. He is the giver of eternal life, we are dependant upon Him alone.
 3. He provides the abundant life.

- a. John 10:10 I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. NKJV
4. He died so that we might have life, eternal life.
5. He has a placed prepared for us to live eternally.
6. We will forever be with Him.
7. But that is only if you have faith in Him ALONE.