

## **John 14-6 – Jesus is the Way, the Truth, the Source of Life**

Gill, Johnson, Family, FFG, Genva, TSK, HebrewLexicon, Handfuls, Morris, Rienecker, Barnes, Calvin, Clarke, Lightfoot, Trapp, Robertson, Poole, Henry, PN Brothers and Sisters in the Lord: Jesus is the **Bread of Life**, Jesus is the **Light of Life to the world**, Jesus is the **Door of Life**, Jesus is the **Good Shepherd who preserves life**, and **Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life**.

In short, Jesus is Divine! These are all descriptions of God...your God...the only true God!

This is why you know, as his child, you are safe!

**Your God is willing and ABLE** to save you.

Today we move to the 6<sup>th</sup> “I AM” statement: **Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life**.

Our headings are:

**How is Jesus the Way, the Truth, and the Life**

**What are the Implications of Jesus being the Way, the Truth, and the Life to You**

Our goals are: **That you will be thankful Jesus is the way to eternal life, that you will live worthily in this way of life, and you will invite others to join you on the road to heaven**.

### **How is Jesus The Way, The Truth, and The Life**

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

**1. Jesus declared he was the way, the truth, and the life!**

**2. Jesus declared this fact to Thomas and those around in 3 specific, definitive ways:**

**a. Jesus is The only Way.** He doesn't merely show men the way by his teaching and by his life, (like you might give direction to someone who wants to find the mall); he is the way himself! You go through the sacrifice of his flesh.

**Hebrews 10:20** by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, **through the veil, that is, His flesh,**

**b. Jesus is The only Truth.** **Jesus communicated the truth of The Gospel.** He is called the Word of God. This Word, the Holy Spirit uses to create faith, by which men receive the saving merits of Christ.

**He is the Gospel!** He is the **fulfillment of the signs, ceremonies, and sacrifices of the Old Testament!** This is the frankincense that spreads to the world.

Ephesians 1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, **the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed,** you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

**He is not simply a way to moral living.** He is the way to eternal life! He shows man's **guilt**, God's **grace**, and then man's response of **gratitude**.

**Jesus warned that there were going to be many after him who would claim to be the source of truth, but they wouldn't talk about sin and salvation** through him. More, the fake preachers could not live the truth themselves!

Jesus' words are a lamp to your feet and a light to your path!

**c. Jesus is *The only source of Life*.** There is no other way. He not only gives life, he is the source of life.

John 1:4 **In Him was life**, and the life was the light of men.

**The definite (the) article confirms Jesus is *The Only Way, The Only Truth, and The Only Source of Life*.** He is not a way...he is the way!

**3. These declarations were claims of Divinity. (Either he is a lunatic, a liar, or the Lord!), making him fit to be the sacrifice for man's sins.**

**This is why Jesus said: "You believe in God, believe also in me."** This was a claim of equality with God.

**This is why he then said, "I and the Father are one."** (John 10:30)

He also said, **"I am in the Father."** (John 14:10)

Apostle Paul said Jesus is the **image of the invisible God**. (Colossians 1:15)

**These statements confirmed the Deity of Jesus and his fitness to redeem sinners.**

**4. Jesus not only starts the job of giving eternal life; he completes the job.**

He never leaves his children half-way. The road is "never too bad" that he can complete the journey...like those "Dangerous Journey" videos! You don't have to get out of the truck and walk!

## **5. Even when the Jews strayed from the way of God, Jesus brought them back.**

John 3:14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

And to prove he completed the job...like the Old Testament priests...look what he did!

Hebrews 9:24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, **now to appear in the presence of God for us;**

## **6. The Old Testament confirmed Jesus was The Way, The Truth, and The Life; this doctrine did not come out of thin air.**

See this first in the Gospel of Isaiah.

Jesus is the suffering servant, by whose stripes all who believe are healed, and who then leads the people along the way to the Father. Every valley shall be exalted!

Isaiah 35:8 **A highway shall be there, and a road,** And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. **Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray.**

Isaiah 53 made it clear that by Christ's sacrifice you get your spiritual healing (life) and he called on all who desired to live to come to Jesus. (Isaiah 55)

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1Thessalonians 4:16 For the **Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout,** with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then **we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.** And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Acts 5:31 "Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, **to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.**

Hebrews 9:12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, **but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all**, having obtained eternal redemption.

Acts 4:12 "Nor is there salvation in any other, **for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.**"

**What are the Implications of Jesus being the Way, the Truth, and the Life to You**

**1. Don't be as ignorant as Thomas and say you don't know the way; Jesus made known to you the way: He is The Way!**

You have less excuse than Thomas did! Jesus directly addressed this issue and John wrote it down. Like the wisemen, look, learn, and come to the Savior's way.

**2. If you have been trying to follow 2 ways, God's way and another way, abandon the false way.**

Jesus is The Way, he alone. **This was a stinging rebuke of the Jews who started to think that the way to God was by keeping the 10 commands AND trusting God.**

This was not what the Jews were taught at the beginning, but they had fallen into this pit of "works religion."

"Works" religion will lead to death. (Hebrews 11!)

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

**3. If you are rejected by others and you don't have any place to call home where you will have eternal life, know there is a place waiting for you and the Way to that place had been made clear by Jesus!**

**4. Because Jesus is God and always speaks the truth, you can depend on his declarations and promises.**

Yes, not many hours after this declaration his body would be a corpse in a stone-cold tomb, but his Divinity was never dead, and his promises are always "yes" and "amen."

And even his stone-cold body would soon be raised triumphantly, ascend into heaven, and sit at the right hand of the Father, ruling the world, and waiting to come

to take his children home, just as he promised he would!

**5. Many in history have claimed to be the way, but they have all failed.**

**Many religions, many philosophies, and many political systems** have claimed to be the way – the way to life – to utopia. None of them is true. Their claims were never borne out in history.

**When people make these claims, they always end up making money on their followers or assuming dictatorial powers over the people.**

Jesus' yoke is easy and his burden is light!

And he provides help for you to bear them.

And he never leaves you alone.

**6. There is a notable benefit of Christ being The Only Way to your eternal life: You are able to take unjust suffering for Christ's children.**

1 Peter 2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

You are willing to be inconvenienced or even die for others because Jesus died for you.

**7. The true God, Yahweh, cannot be approached in anyway but the way of Christ.**

God is not approached by gifts, doing good works, lighting candles, or going on pilgrimages to so-called "holy places."

If you went to the so-called Holy Land, you went on the wrong plane to the wrong place.

The Holy Land is here – wherever the church is gathered!

(Nothing wrong with going to Israel for historical value, but not for spiritual strength!)

You are not closer to Christ there than here. The Jews rejected Christ and he rejected them.

**It is abominable Jews still want to make sacrifices!** Don't support this

John 8:44 "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Those, like the Jews, who try other approaches to God are lost and will be held in contempt.

So if **you have any another way that you have been following and hoping to be saved, leave it, for it will lead you in the wrong way, a road that leads to hell, just like the Jews would go to hell without Jesus.**

**8. Because Jesus is The Way, The Truth, and The Life, you have no reason to be troubled anymore!**

The work is all done!

### **Conclusion:**

Jesus is The Only Way, The Only Truth, and The Only Life.

There is none other.

All others are fake and pretenders.

All who follow these fake ways will be destroyed in the end in God's fair judgment.

Those who look to Christ will have true satisfaction in their hearts now.

They will stop worrying about the cares of this life!

They will store up treasures in heaven to be enjoyed for eternity.

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**1. Because you have Christ, you need nothing else.** Praise God. Praise him all the day long!

**2. Lead your children to Christ. Make sure they don't become lost in morality so they forget "grace alone, faith alone, and Christ alone!"**

Lead them to eternal life that is only found in Jesus Christ.

**3. Proclaim this only way to the world.** They are lost without it. Send others to do it. Send them with your prayers and your purse.

Finally, maybe you have wandered all your life trying to find the way of truth.

**If you have, it is time to stop wandering.** Jesus is the only way!

**Try his way, try it in earnest, and you will never leave it.**

He did everything you needed to guide you to God.

What did he do?

He took the sins of the world so God would welcome sinners back to himself.