



I AM the Way the Truth and the Life

John 14:1-7 | Ryan Pfeiffer | November 23, 2025

INTRO.

- They're in a borrowed space...a 2nd story rm in Jerusalem, the mood is heavy
- Jesus tells them he's going to My Father's house to prepare a place for you
- Thomas in typical fashion misses the spiritual significance and is over literal

V5 Lord, we don't know where you are going so how can we know the way?

This question tees Jesus up to utter the most memorable I AM of all.

V6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

What strikes us immediately is the exclusivity of His claim.

FOCUS. How can Jesus make such a claim? Why is it good news?

PART 1: How can Jesus make this claim? I am the way and the truth and the life.

I AM the The Life. John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

We all know there are forces in our world (inside of us) that seek to steal and destroy life

And there are forces that seek to inspire and cultivate life to the full.

Paul calls these "spiritual forces" that operate in the heavenly realm.

Our country is based on this world view:

Thomas Jefferson "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

- Our pursuit of happiness / life is tied to knowledge of our Creator.
- From this knowledge - "truths" - nurture life: equality, liberty and happiness.
- But it also means there are lies "false truths" that work against life.

It's good news that the inalienable rights and value of human life is absolute.

Defined and determined by our Creator and not human opinion.

I AM the The Truth. John 8:31 "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

Truth sets us free from lies... lies are what keep us in darkness.

John Mark Comer in his book Live No Lies... has two helpful insights"

"Ideas shape our reality and can be weaponized for good or evil."

"The devil's deceptive ideas get as far as they do because they appeal to our flesh's animal cravings. But these in turn find a home in our bodies through the echo-chamber of the world, which allows us to assuage any guilt or shame and live as we please. As a result, evil is often labeled good, and good, evil; and the soul and society devolve into a reign of anarchy via the loss of a moral and spiritual true north."

There are spiritual powers wielding ideas to shape our reality... good/ evil
It's hard to recognize "truth" when it goes against our cravings

I AM The Way. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.

"Whoever" -> The gospel is exclusive in its claims... inclusive in its reach.
But why can't there be many ways to God? Paul addresses this in Athens...

1. Acts 17:24 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands...26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.

Yes there's some truth in all religions but all "truth" must pass thru Jesus.

- (Including Christianity!)
- 30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed.

Jesus is saying I am the filter through which every way, truth, life must pass.

1. And truth that agrees with Jesus remains.
2. "truth" that disagrees with Jesus must be surrendered-> it is no truth at all.
3. The gaps in our truth must be filled in by Jesus...
4. Such as why is the world in such a mess?

Jesus' answer is... because we are pursuing our own happiness and cravings apart from relationship with God and obedience to his truth.

Jesus is THE WAY... because he alone gave us forgiveness for our sin.

Jesus' death on the cross & resurrection made a back to the Father.

No one else offered forgiveness of sin

WHY IS IT GOOD NEWS? John 15:13 – Greater love has no one than this: that someone lay down his life for his friends.

It's good news because:

- Jesus saved us by the most gratuitous act of sacrificial love in history.
- Not through force, guilt, control or manipulation.
- God took on flesh and didn't simply give us a teaching, a philosophy, rules

He gave us HIS LIFE...

His life is for anyone, everyone... who's admits they can't save themselves.

It is exclusive because sin cannot come into the new creation...

Inclusive because anyone who puts their faith in Jesus will be set free from sin.