

"I AM THE WAY"

INTRODUCTION

The title of our lesson is, "I AM THE WAY." These are the words of Jesus Christ our Savior, when He once stated, "*I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, except by me*" (John 14:6). Jesus had just said He was going to prepare a place for His disciples, and Thomas said they did not know where Jesus was going, so how they possibly know the **way**. From the use of that word (way), Jesus went on to say HE was the way, and it was the way to the Father, and it was a very exclusive way, for only those going to the Father absolutely HAD to go by Jesus.

Only Jesus could make this statement with truth, for only **He** had been in heaven and was going back to heaven. He knew the way, and was going to give the way to the disciples to share with the world. He is the **one and only** way to God and heaven. This is as true today as it was in the first century.

In this lesson we are going to use 6 prepositions to show **how** Jesus is the Way.

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, JESUS IS THE WAY "OUT".

- A. Jesus is the way "out" of the **darkness of sin**. John 8:32-35; Heb. 2:10, 15
- B. Jesus is the way "out" of the **guilt of sin**. Rom. 3:19, 23; Acts 2:36-38
- C. Jesus is the way "out" of the **power of darkness**. Matt. 6:23; John 8:12; Col. 1:13; 1 Pet. 2:9

II. 2nd, JESUS IS THE WAY "INTO".

- A. Jesus is the way "into" to the **way of salvation**. Acts 4:12
- B. Jesus is the way "into" to the **way of peace**. Rom. 3:17; Eph. 2:11-12a
- C. Jesus is the way "into" to the **way of life**. Matt. 7:13-14

III. 3rd, JESUS IS THE WAY "THROUGH".

- A. Jesus is the way "through" **temptation and trials**.
 - 1. He set the example by overcoming temptation in Matt. 4.
 - 2. He gives us strength through His word that we too can go through trials and temptations. Luke 8:11; 1 John 3:9A; 1 Cor. 10:13
- B. Jesus is the way "through" **suffering and death**. Heb. 2:18; 4:15; Psa. 13:1-4

IV. 4th, JESUS IS THE WAY "FOR".

- A. Jesus is the way "for" **the remission of sins**. Acts 2:38
- B. Jesus is the way "for" **good**. Rom. 8:28

V. 5th, JESUS IS THE WAY “TO”.

A. Jesus is the way “to” **God in prayer.** John 16:23-24; Eph. 5:20

B. Jesus is the way “to” **fellowship with God.** John 14:6

VI. 6th, JESUS IS THE WAY “UP”.

A. We are raised “up” with Jesus **in baptism.** Rom. 6:3-5

B. We are to be raised “up” **in the resurrection.** 1 Cor. 15:35, 42-44

C. We are going to be raised “up” **into heaven** upon His return. 1 Thess. 4:16-17

D. We shall be raised “up” **with Christ in the kingdom** when He returns.
1 Cor. 15:24

CONCLUSION

I. The death, or the cross, is the **means** OUR ultimate lifting “up” when Jesus returns.

A. This life is the only time we have to prepare for the final lifting up.

B. This preparation involves becoming a Christian and remaining faithful to God all the days of our lives.

II. If you are not ready, we invite you to begin your preparation right now, while we stand together and sing for your encouragement—won't you come?