



JESUS CHRIST – THE ONLY WAY

Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. There is no other way to enter heaven than through him. There is no other method of salvation. Mohammad cannot save you! Buddha cannot save you! Failure to believe in Jesus Christ the messiah will only lead you to death and destruction.

John 14:1-31

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will

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come to you.

19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

29 And now I have told you before it come to

pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

There have been many sermons preached on John 14:6 with little regard for the rest of the chapter. It is very easy to preach a sermon on Jesus being the way, the truth, and the life. When you look at John 14 as a whole chapter, you see the living apostle recounting a conversation that Jesus had with his disciples. It is not a recount of a sermon, but a conversation where you see a discourse between the Lord Jesus Christ and his followers, where Jesus is attempting to explain who he really is and the coming future events.

When you study the chapter as a whole, you can see that the founders of the 1st century Christian Church had a really tough time understanding their teacher and master. This is especially evident when you read the questions posed by the disciples.

“Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?”

The first question is posed by Thomas where he asks in verse 5, “Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?” Thomas shows here that he is still thinking with a carnal mind like many of us. He is probably still thinking that Jesus would be the one to kick the Romans out of Jerusalem and restore the Israeli nation to the former grandeur of King David and King Solo-

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mon.

With this thought Thomas was thinking that Jesus was talking about their next missionary journey. He had no idea that the Lord was telling them of a spiritual journey. A journey that the Lord has been preparing them for the past three years, but they have not been paying attention. The apostles mindset was still stuck on what they could see, feel, touch, smell, etcetera. Jesus told them that they knew the way, but his disciples did not understand that their teaches was the way!

Thus, when Jesus tells his disciples that he is the way, the truth, and the life, it is in answer to Thomas' question. The disciples were showing that they were clueless concerning Jesus Christ's journey.

“Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us”

Jesus' answering Thomas question, brings us to Phillip asking to be shown who is the Father. Phillip was still viewing Jesus as just a man. He still did not realize that the person he was chatting with was also the creator of the universe.

Colossians 1:13-18

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Phillip did not realize that he was looking at the Father. Jesus sounded incredulous with his response to Phillip, **“Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?”**

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the Colossian church, he explained specifically who Jesus Christ is and when they worship Jesus they are actually worshiping their savior, and their creator. Can you see how incredulous Jesus was when he was confronted by such a question? Who else but the creator could change the chemical content of water into wine just by telling the servants to serve the water as wine?

You may be wondering about Moses and the other prophets who were able to change water into something else, like when Moses turned the Nile river into blood. Moses was not the one who turned the water into blood, but the Lord turned the water into blood. Since Jesus is the Lord, he did not use a higher power, but he turned the water into wine by his own power.

When Jesus told the disciples that whatever they ask in his name, he would do it! Whatever we ask in Jesus name, it is the Lord Jesus that does it! When we receive the Holy Ghost, we actually are receiving the Spirit of Christ in us. Jesus is everything and without him there would be nothing.

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