

John 14 – Very great and precious promises. (3) The Way to God. (refs for Bible study 6/9/18).

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. v6

The most important question we can ask is: ‘What is the way to God? What is the way to heaven?’ Some may even ask: ‘**Is** there a way?’ There are many religions in the world, each with its own guesswork. Religion is what happens when men and women try to guess the way to God. But there are **not** many ways to God – Jesus said so!

There is a way to God: In v4-11, key verse is v6. It is a statement, but effectively a promise too: There **is** a way to God. We need not despair, we are not left to guess. Jesus is talking about ‘going’, v2-4, which provokes a question, v5. He answers with the profound statement of v6. ‘*I am*’ two little words loaded with significance. No Jew would dare to utter them. God had revealed himself to Moses as the ‘I Am’, Ex.3v13-14. They would not even dare to pronounce sacred name, represented by the 4 consonants JHWH. When Jesus used them it produced a response, Jn.8v58-59. The Jews knew he was claiming equality with God. Jesus amplifies his statement, v7. Philip is still confused, v8, so Jesus explains that if you’ve seen/heard me you’ve seen/heard God, v9-11. He does not say ‘I’ll show you the way’ or ‘I’ll teach you the way’ but ‘I am the way’. He did not come to light a path, to blaze a trail, that we may simply follow in his tracks – he is the way. Praise God there is a way to God, and he has revealed it to us. That way is Jesus Christ, who is one with God.

There is one way to God: ‘*the way*’ not ‘*a way*’. Absolutely clear ‘*no-one comes to the Father except through me*’. The world regards this as too narrow and exclusive. As Christians we need to know how to answer when people say: ‘You’ve got my faith, I’ve got mine’ or ‘We all worship the same god’ or ‘All religions are the same’.

- **they can’t all be right:** If all religions are right, then Jesus is right. If Jesus is right, then every other religion is wrong. Therefore all religions are not right! The contradictions are obvious. Bhuddism says God is not a person, the Bible says God is a Person. The Hindu says there are 1000’s of gods, the Bible says there is one God. Etc.
- **the reason people say all religions are the same is simple:** they have no conception of how sinful they are. God is holy, a consuming fire, Heb.12v29. We are sinful. We need a mediator, we need a ransom, we need a substitute. Don’t be shocked that there is only one way! Be amazed that there is a way at all!

Jesus is the way and the truth and the life:

Do you want to know the truth? Then listen to him!

Do you want life – for now and eternity? Then come to him, who is the source of all life, and has conquered death!