

April 14, 2019

“I AM...”

“All That God Promises to Be for You!”

“God replied to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel. I AM has sent Me to you.’” Exodus 3:14

“I AM the Way, the Truth, the Life”

“God Will Guide Days”

“Jesus told him, ‘I Am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’” John 14:6

A. Jesus prepares His disciples...

“I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am who I am.” John 13:19 NIV

1. Jesus speaks to His disciples at the “Last Supper”.

“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples.” John 13:34-35

2. Peter asks where Jesus is going.

“Simon Peter asked, ‘Lord, where are you going?’ And Jesus replied, ‘You can’t go with Me now, but you will follow Me later.’” John 13:36

3. Jesus prepares Peter for his denial.

“Jesus answered, ‘Die for Me? I tell you the truth, Peter – before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know Me.’” John 13:38

B. Jesus prepares His disciples for eternity...

“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in Me.” John 14:1

1. Jesus is preparing a place for us in His Father’s home! Trust God!

“There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” John 14:2

2. Jesus promises that when He comes for us that we will always be with Him. Trust God!

“When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with Me where I am.” John 14:3

3. Jesus assures us that we can know the Way. Trust God!

“And you know the way to where I am going.” John 14:4

4. Thomas sincerely is confused as to knowing the way where Jesus is going. Trust God!

“No, we don’t know, Lord,’ Thomas said. ‘We have no idea where’” John 14:5

C. Jesus prepares His disciples by giving the clearest direction possible...

“Jesus told him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.’” John 14:6

1. Jesus said, “I AM the only Way!”

Is the way to heaven too narrow? There are five major schools of thought as to life and eternal life:

Buddhism – 376 million followers all seeking an Eightfold Path. The only way to Nirvana in this life is to follow this path. There is no “ultimate place”.

Hinduism – 900 million followers all seeking multiple lives as the pathway to death. Nirvana is finally reached as each life gets better. New Age movement only moves forward in better lives.

Secularism – 1.1 billion followers are atheistic or agnostic. They are choosing not to explore their faith.

Islam – 1.5 billion followers. They follow the Five Pillars as a means to earn their place in Paradise.

Christianity – 2 billion followers. As Christians, we cannot earn our way to God. Instead of our reaching up to God, He reached down to us through Jesus and offered us grace!

2. Jesus said, “I AM the only Truth!”

“Jesus responded, ‘You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true.’ ‘What is truth?’ Pilate asked.”

John 18:37b-38a

When Jesus said, “I AM the only Truth” He was saying, this Truth has nothing false, it is not misleading, it is not fake or uncertain...it is absolute Truth!

3. Jesus said, “I Am the only Life!”

Jesus statement was referring to physical and spiritual life. He was in Creation and gave physical life but also promises spiritual life. This life is not our ultimate goal. Rather, it is a preparation for the eternal life that is promised to all who believe!

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” John 10:10b

“I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.” 1 John 5:13

“This truth gives them confidence that they have eternal life, which God—who does not lie—promised them before the world began.”

Titus 1:2

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

D. Jesus offers us that same clear pathway...

1. Admit that you are a sinner.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 3:23

2. Believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins.

“For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, ‘Anyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame.’”

Romans 10:10-11

3. **Confess** your sins to Jesus and be willing to turn from your sins in repentance.

“That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

4. **Decide** to receive Him into your heart as Lord and Savior.

“Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins. I now invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as Lord and Savior.

In Jesus' name. Amen

If you have made a personal decision to receive Christ as your Lord and Savior, you can –

- 1) Fill out an “I Choose Jesus” card in the back of the seats and turn it into The Hub or into a black giving box so we can celebrate with you.
- 2) Or you can send us a text so we can celebrate with you. **Simply Text: IChooseJesus To: 88202**

Next Week: April 20 & 21:

“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”

“God Promises Eternal Life!”

“Jesus told her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in Me will live, even after dying.’” John 11:25