

I AM...

HOW JESUS' OWN METAPHORS DECLARE HIS
DEITY

THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

JN. 14:1-6

1 “Let not your heart be troubled; you 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 to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

4 And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

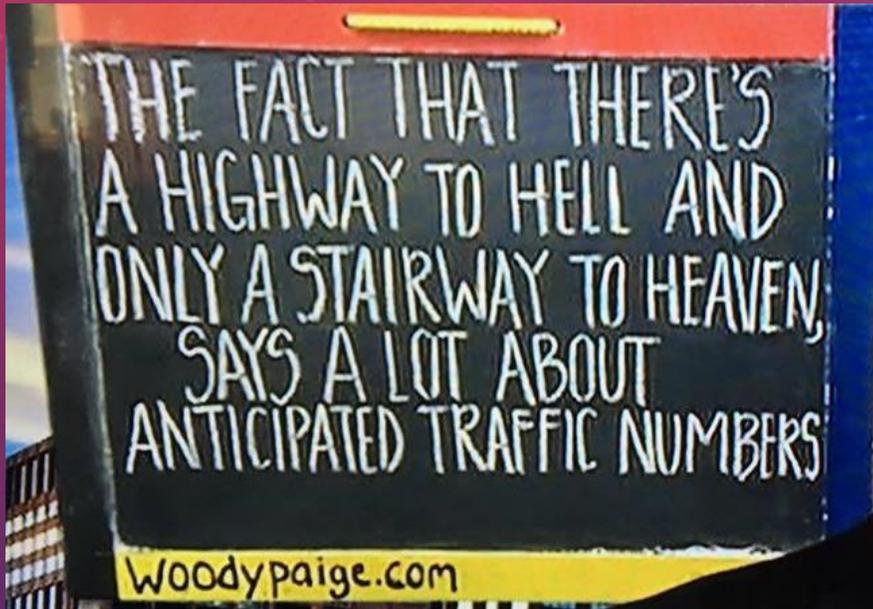
5 Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

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

JESUS: I AM...

- In statements like this, Jesus declares His deity.
 - Refers to “My Father”
 - Tells them to believe in Him, just like they believe in God
 - “I am”
- “No one comes to the Father except through Me.”
 - Blasphemy if not true
 - Can make this statement because He is “The Way”

JESUS AS “THE WAY”



- Said in context of preparing a place for the disciples in His Father’s house, i.e., heaven
- Thomas said they did not know the way
- If an apostle doesn’t know the way to heaven, how can we find our way there without Jesus?
- Jesus as “the way” – Heb. 9:8; 10:19-20
- Salvation not via any other – Acts 4:12

JESUS AS “THE TRUTH”

- What is truth? Jn. 18:37-38
- Jesus, full of “grace & truth” – Jn. 1:14-17
- God’s law is truth – Ps. 119:142
 - Jesus = Law & Prophets – Mt. 5:17, 22, 28, 32, 34, 39, 44
- “You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” – Jn. 8:37
- John recorded these stories, acts, and statements “so that you may believe” the truth – Jn. 19:35; 20:30-31
- Armor of God includes girding waist with truth – Eph. 6:14

TRUTH IS RELATIVE

JESUS AS “THE LIFE”

- Jesus is “the resurrection and the life” – Jn. 11:25
 - Cover in a future lesson
- What life can we possibly have without Jesus?
- Jesus gives life – Jn. 5:21
- We live because Jesus lives – Jn. 14:19
- Jesus laid down his life for us – 1 Jn. 3:16



JESUS—WAY, TRUTH, LIFE

- Definite article “THE” used each time because there is ONE way, ONE truth, ONE life; not available through anyone else – Eph. 4:4-6
- Jesus is the true path to eternal life, so we should listen to Him – Jn. 10:27
- Jesus is the only true measure of righteousness – Jn. 1:1
- Jesus is the source of physical and spiritual life – Jn. 1:3-4
- Jesus is God – Jn. 1:1, 14

CONCLUSION

- What about you?
- If you want comfort in this life, you must believe in Jesus – Jn. 14:1
- If you want eternal life, Jesus is the only way – Jn. 14:6
- If we believe, we must keep His commandments – Jn. 14:15