

I AM; John 14:1-7

I. Troubled

- A. Jesus had just dropped a bomb on the Apostles — He told them He was leaving
 - 1. After following Him for 3 years
 - 2. After going against the Jewish leaders — bucking the system
 - 3. I can imagine the sinking feeling in each one of the Apostles
- B. John 14:1–5 (ESV); ¹ “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”
- C. What a question from Thomas — “How can we know the way?”
- D. No wonder Jesus says, “Do not let your hearts be troubled”
 - 1. Inward turmoil, unsettled, to throw into confusion
 - 2. We are a society in confusion — we are unsettled and it shows everywhere in our country
 - 3. Turn on the news
 - 4. Watch any of the popular TV shows
 - 5. Listen to any of the popular music
 - 6. We are a country without a moral compass
- E. We don’t have a recognizable path as a country— we don’t know the way
- F. We don’t have a recognizable truth either — we each have our own truth
- G. No wonder we are troubled — no wonder we are wondering in darkness
- H. John 14:6 (ESV); Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

II. The Way

- A. A direction or course of travel (for our lives)
- B. There is a direction of travel to the heaven
 - 1. If we travel any other way we are not on the Way
 - 2. John uses the phrase “walking in the light”
 - 3. Jesus says, “I AM the Light”
 - 4. Jesus is the righteousness of God in human form
 - 5. If we walk in the righteousness of God, in Jesus’ Way, in the Light then we are walking towards heaven — any other way and we walk towards eternal destruction
 - 6. The Way was a formal name given to Christianity in the 1st century
 - 7. Acts 24:14 (ESV); But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets,
 - 8. Acts 24:22 (ESV); But Felix, having a rather accurate knowledge of the Way, put them off, saying, “When Lysias the tribune comes down, I will decide your case.”
 - 9. I can’t help but think that Jesus’ statement here was the catalyst that began the use of ‘The Way’
- C. We must look to the Scriptures — the only book that gives us any accurate information about Jesus, the Way

III. The Truth

- A. The content of what is true (factual, actual, reality) — the content of Christianity (The Way) as the ultimate truth
- B. David, in his prayer of gratitude for God, acknowledges God’s words as true
- C. 2 Samuel 7:28 (ESV); And now, O Lord God, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant.
- D. John calls Jesus the Word in John 1:1

- E. John 17:14–19 (ESV); ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.
- F. Ephesians 1:13–14 (ESV); ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.
- G. 2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV); Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.
- H. We must look to the Word (Scriptures) — the only book that gives us any accurate information about Jesus, the Truth

IV. The Life

- A. Sometimes I think we get confused with this part of the verse
- B. Jesus is the Life — eternal life
- C. He is not talking about the life we have here and now
 1. That life belongs not to us, but to Him
 2. Matthew 10:39 (ESV); Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
 3. This phrase (or something just like it) is repeated in Matthew 16:25, Mark 8:35, Luke 9:24; 17:33, and John 12:25
 4. Each of the Gospel writers made sure to include this idea (that our life is no longer ours, but Jesus')
 5. John 10:10 (ESV); The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
- D. The life we have is not the one we live here and now, but the one we look forward to
- E. Galatians 2:20 (ESV); ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

V. The Way, The Truth, The Life

- A. Jesus is the Way to the Truth that leads to eternal Life
- B. He is the Way, He is the Truth, He is the Life
- C. The only road to salvation leads through Him