

# Jesus Christ & His “I AM” Statements

**I AM the Way, and the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6).**

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## **Bible Reading: John 14: 1-7**

This is another one (6<sup>th</sup>) of Jesus’ seven “I AM” statements recorded by Apostle John. This statement tells us that JESUS is the method, the message, and the meaning for all people. With this title, He summarized His purpose in coming to earth.

In one sense, this is the most basic and important passage in the Scriptures. How can we know the way to God? Only through JESUS. Jesus is the way because He is both God & man. By uniting our lives with His, we are united with God. Trust Jesus to take you to the Father, and all the benefits of being God’s child will be yours. Jesus says, He is the only way to the Father. Some people may argue that this way is too narrow. In reality, it is wide enough for the whole world, if the world chooses to accept it. Instead of worrying about how limited it sounds to have only one way, we should be saying, “Thank you, God, for providing a sure way to get to you!”

As the way, JESUS is our path to the Father. As the Truth, He is the reality of all God’s promises, As the Life, He joins His divine life to ours, both now and eternally.

## **JESUS “THE WAY”.**

He is not simply one among many ways; He is the only way to God the Father (see Acts 4:12 and Heb10:19-20). No one other than God’s perfect Son could have paid the full price for our offenses against God and opened the way for a renewed relationship with Him. In the early days of the church, Christianity was sometimes referred to as “the way” (see Acts 9:2; 19:9 & 23; 24:14 & 22). This is because they recognised that Jesus provided the only way out of a life of Spiritual Darkness (1-Peter 2:9), Lostness (Luke 19:10), Slavery to sin (Romans 6:6), Guilt (Hebrews 10:22) and Condemnation (Romans 1:8).

In doing so, Jesus provided the only way for us to find our highest purpose and fulfilment in life and to receive eternal reward in heaven (John 14:2-3). This

claim has never been popular—certainly not today—to claim that there is only one way to God, but this is the reality according to Jesus’ own words. There is no other way to have a relationship with the true God except through faith in Jesus Christ.

There is a difference between pointing the way to a particular place and taking someone by the hand to lead them there. The person who guides someone to their destination literally becomes the way to the desired location. Jesus Christ not only points out how-to walk-through life, and how to reach God, HE personally shows the person the way. Therefore, He Himself is the way. Note the repetition of the word “way” (vv4,5,6).

## **JESUS “THE TRUTH”.**

He is not just part of the truth, but the whole truth. As the living word (John 1:1-3), everything about Christ and His message is true. And His truth is absolute (i.e., total, definite, unconditional, categorical, unquestionable, unchanging, conclusive). His truth is universal, global, worldwide, international/widespread (i.e., true for all people in all situations for all time). The fact that supreme truth is revealed through Christ, is the key-theme in John’s Gospel. [John1:17 reads “For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ—truth is no longer veiled or hidden behind prophetic signs and symbolic activities, Christ has now fully revealed God’s promises, principles, and purposes.]

There is a difference between telling someone about the truth and living the truth before them. The one who lives the truth literally becomes the truth. As such, we see three things in Christ.

**1. Jesus Christ is the Embodiment of truth.** He is the picture of truth. God not only talks to humanity about Himself, but God also shows us what He is like in the person of Jesus Christ. We can look at Jesus Christ and see a perfect picture of the truth of God. In the Scripture, Jesus said

*“I and the Father are one” (John 10:30). Again, in John 14:10, He says “Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does His works”.*

*At another place (John 17:11) Jesus said “And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one”.*

2. Jesus Christ is the **Communicator of truth**. He himself, His person, and his life—makes things perfectly clear. He reveals the ultimate source and meaning and end of all things. He reveals the truth about us and about the world in which we live. He shows us the right way to the truth, and He enables us to choose the right way. Jesus confirmed the above fact in these words:

*“For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me” (Jn 17:8).*

*On another occasion, replying to pharisees, Jesus said “Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going” (Jn 8:14).*

*Then Pilate said to him, “so you are a king?” Jesus replied, “you say that I am a king. For this purpose, I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world.—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice” (John 18:37).*

3. Jesus Christ is the **Liberator of truth**. He sets us free from the great gulf (estrangement) which exists between us and God, between us and our world, and between us and other people. He sets us free from the frustrations we constantly experience. Frees us from the fears and weaknesses and defeats that plague us. Jesus Christ is the only lasting liberator on earth.

*Jesus said, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (Jn8:31-32).*

*Again, Jesus said, “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (Jn 8:36).* So, when Jesus says I AM THE TRUTH, He is saying: I am the moral truth, saving truth, working truth, living truth. Truth is not simply something to be known; it is something to be done (Abiding in Jesus--Jn 8:31).

## **JESUS “THE LIFE”.**

True and lasting spiritual life is available only through His life, death, and resurrection. His perfect life provided the only permanent and enduring sacrifice for our sins against God. Those who accept His life and sacrifice for themselves—willingly yielding their lives to His leadership—receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with Christ (John 3:15-16 &36; 5:24; 6:40,47 & 54; 10:28 and 17:2-3).

There is a difference between telling someone about life and living life. The one who lives is the one who possess life, and the more perfectly one lives, the more life one possesses. Jesus Christ lived perfectly; therefore, He possessed life perfectly. He is the life: the very manifestation, expression, symbolization, model, example of energy, force & source of life itself.

Life is one of the great words of the Scriptures. As noun the word *life* in Greek is “Zoe” and as verb *to live* or to *have life*, it is “Zen”. Life is found only in God. God is the source and author of life, and it is God who has appointed Jesus Christ to bring life to all people. Jesus Christ gives the very life of God Himself (John 5:26; 6:27 & 40; 10:28 and 17:23).