I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life

John 14:1-4 "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."

John 14:5-6 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

Gesus said to him, "I AM the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

I. JESUS IS PREPARING <u>HEAVEN</u> FOR US

A. Heaven is a wonderful place!

John 14:1-2 "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.

B. Heaven is <u>accessible</u> from anywhere on earth, *but <u>only</u>* through Jesus Christ.

John 14:3- 4 *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 <i>And where I go you know, and the way you know.*" He said, the way you know. You know the way, I am the way!

C. Some people who should know that Jesus is the way, miss it.

John 14:5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

Obstacles to Faith:

- Ignorance.
- Pride.
- Self-centeredness.
- Too Busy.
- <u>Doubt</u>.

D. Jesus gave Thomas another chance to believe.

John 20:26-27 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

John 20:28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

John 20:29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

II. JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN

John 14:6 *Jesus said to him, "I AM the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

A. <u>GOD</u>

B. <u>SIN</u>

Romans 3:23 ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

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

Me + Sin = Death / Separation from God

C. <u>JESUS</u>

1. Jesus never sinned.

1 Peter 2:22 He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

1 John 3:5 But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.

$Jesus - Sin = \underline{Life}$

2. Jesus <u>died</u> to pay for <u>our sins</u>.

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

1 Cor. 15:1-4 *Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel ... Christ died for our sins according to the*

Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures

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

Acts 4:12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Jesus + My Sin = His Death/ Separation from God

D. FAITH

John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Romans 10:9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Me + Faith in Jesus = Life