

# I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life

John 14:1-11 || Pastor John Wood || 26 July 2020

*To CARE for one another in truth and in love,  
To GROW together as followers of Jesus,  
To SERVE those God has placed in our path.  
– CG Mission Statement*

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**Icebreaker:** How do you complete this sentence? Life is a ...

**Worship:** John 14:6 (*Read the passage aloud 3 times, reflect and listen for God's invitation to you.*)

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## Sermon Summary for John 14:1-11

Jesus is the **Way** to God our Father. At the heart of this claim is the recognition that not all ways lead to the same end. At the heart of our alienation from God – and from life as God intended us to live – is our insistence on choosing our own path, pridefully seeking to bridge the distance between us and our Father on our own terms. “All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned, everyone, to his own way” (Isaiah 53:6). Jesus alone has come from the Father in order to lead us home. (See John 1:1,14,18.) His way requires us to humble ourselves and trust and follow Him. This is a path that leads us at last to a joyful homecoming – “an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in Heaven for you” (1 Peter 1:4). So, if we want to help others know true freedom, real justice with compassion and mercy and Biblical righteousness, it is only to be found the Jesus Way.

Jesus is the **Truth** about God our Father, and therefore the truth about us. There is much in the cosmos that reveals God's majesty and power (Ps 19:1). But He is also intimately personal and loving. To see this, we look at the life and ministry of Jesus (John 14:9). When we do, we see the truth about God is more wonderful than we ever dared hope: He welcomes sinners with mercy and compassion, heals the broken, gives us a life of abundance and love, and assures us of a destiny eternal and glorious. He is for us. So whether we look at the protesters or the police, we are looking at people dearly loved by God. And until we, His Church, begin to act differently than the surrounding culture, treating those with whom we may have the most vehement disagreements with Christlike compassion and love, people will have no reason to believe that the Gospel is true, nor will they have any idea who God really is.

Jesus is the **Life** of God our Father. Jesus both shows and gives us this new life we've always longed for. What we pursued in all the wrong places, Christ begins to let us taste and see by giving us the Holy Spirit (John 1:33, 2 Cor 1:22, Eph 1:14, John 14:3). And the Spirit incorporates us into the body of Christ: namely, the new community established by the Lord for carrying His life and ministry into the world. Jesus not only said, “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12); He said to his followers, “You are the light of the world... Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven” (Matt 5:14).

**Discussion Questions** (*You will not be able to discuss all the questions. Pick the ones you like.*)

- What is Jesus' main concern in this passage? How does He comfort His disciples? Are you comforted?
  - Because Jesus is the **Way** to know God the Father, how do we go about doing this?
  - Why do you think it was important that Jesus added that he was the **Truth** to this I AM statement?
  - Since Jesus is the **Life**, in what ways do we experience life to its fullest because of Him?
  - What is one specific thing these promises / teachings encourage or equip you to do?
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**Prayer:** Ask God to lead your prayers as you pray over this time of local and global uncertainty and crisis.

**Engage & Experience:** Statistics show that people are most open to the message of Jesus when they go through times of crisis. They want to know whether there is a Creator who cares and can be known. If so, what is He like? Can we ask Him our deepest questions? How do we find the life we long for? Study how these questions are addressed by Jesus' claim, “*I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life.*” What a grand privilege to show the way home to all who are weary of wandering in the thickets of crisis, philosophy, and the quest for social justice! Pray for opportunities to share your discoveries with someone who needs to hear about Jesus. (See Exodus 3:14)