

“I Am The Way, The Truth, And The Life”

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Some of the funniest things have happened to me while traveling to and from conferences and revival meetings. Maybe they have been funny because of some of the great people who have traveled with me. David Owen, one of the most comical individuals I know, was a special assistant and a fellow minister with me for three years. Presently pastor of a church in Georgia, he is also an excellent expositor and a gifted speaker.

On one occasion, when David and I were returning home from a meeting in Virginia, we missed our road and lost our bearings. Seeing an old gentleman at a service station, we pulled up to where he was standing and asked him for directions. When he finished talking, if that’s what he did, we were more confused than ever. Being a great impersonator, David still loves to give me directions out of Virginia.

Not everyone can give good directions, but there are those who can efficiently point you to your desired location. When it comes to spiritual directions—directions to the Father in heaven, you need to listen to the Lord Jesus. Here, in this sixth of the “I Am” statements recorded by John, perhaps the most familiar of them all, Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.”

Jesus is the way to the Father’s house! Jesus had just told His disciples, “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” (14:2). After Thomas asked, “How can we know the way?” (14:5), Jesus gave this word: “I am the way.” Dear friend, if you want to go to the Father’s house, to heaven, you must come through the Lord Jesus. He is the only way!

Jesus is the truth of the Father’s heart! Jesus didn’t declare, “I will show you the way.” He said, “I am the way.” Neither did He proclaim, “I will tell you the truth.” He confessed, “I am the truth.” Because He was “in the bosom of the Father” (John 1:18), He issued forth as the truth of the Father. Being “the only begotten of the Father,” the Lord Jesus is “full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).

Jesus is the life in the Father’s honor! We know that the great scheme of redemption is to the honor and glory of the Father. But how is He properly honored? How does He genuinely receive glory? “That God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to Whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen” (1 Pet. 4:11). The Father is only honored through the Lord Jesus. May we live in the three-fold light of this revelation!