

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

August 14, 2022

I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:1-14)

We continue our series on the seven great "I AM" statements in the gospel of John. Today we will be looking at "I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life" from **John 14:1-14**. This statement comes during the time in John 13-16 when Jesus is with His disciples in the Upper Room for the last supper.

The Disciples Need Comforting

John 14:1 - *"Let not your hearts be troubled..."* In the original Greek, this phrase literally means "Stop letting your hearts be troubled." Jesus wasn't warning them about future trouble, but instead was offering them words to help bring them out of the distress they were already feeling.

Why were their hearts troubled?

- (1) Jesus said one of the Twelve would betray him (**John 13:21**).
- (2) Jesus said He was going away (**John 7:34; 8:21; 12:8; 12:35; 13:33**).
- (3) Jesus said Peter would deny Him (**John 13:38**).

Jesus' Words of Comfort

If there is a central message in Jesus' words, it's that comfort comes from putting faith in Him. If we're discontent, anxious, questioning, agitated, or otherwise in need of comfort, the reason is likely that we don't trust Him as we should. If we really trust in Christ, what do we have to worry about? In His words, Jesus gives us three aspects of His nature where we can place our faith in times of trouble.

Faith in His P_____ (1)

"Believe in God, believe also in me." One of the overtones of this verse is that believing in God and believing in Jesus are the same thing. At this point they could not see God the Father, yet they believed in Him. He is reminding them that their faith in Him (the Son) should not diminish just because they won't be able to see Him any longer. He will still be present with them!

(John 20:24-29; Matthew 28:16-20; Hebrews 11:1; 1 Peter 1:8)



"We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks! For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near."

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*Bless the Lord, O my soul
And all that is within me
Forgetting not His benefits
Nor forgiveness of iniquity
Bless Him who brings healing
And redemption to our lives
Crowning us with loving
kindness
And with blessings, Satisfies*

Faith in His P_____ (2-3)

Jesus is asking them to put faith in their future, which is assured because of His sacrifice. Consider these aspects that Jesus tells them about future glory:

“Father’s house...” - We will dwell with God (in His house).

“many rooms...” - There is room for those who have received salvation.

“If it were not so...” - Jesus is saying, “trust in My promises” (**Rom 4:20-21**).

“prepare a place...” - Those who have faith in Jesus Christ shall truly inherit a better dwelling place. The Lord is even now preparing for the reception of the redeemed in the eternal world (**Hebrews 6:13-20**).

“I will come again” - The Second Coming (**Acts 1:11; 3:21; 1Th 4:13-17**),

Faith in His P_____ (4-7)

“I am...” - He did not claim to know the way, the truth, and the life as a formula he could impart, but He claimed to be these things Himself.

Way - He is the only solution to the problem of sin (**Heb 9 & 10**), which allows us to have fellowship with the Father. His solution is not a recipe; it is a relationship with Him (**15, 21-24**).

Truth - He is the only answer to man's ignorance. He is the only source of truth, though human nature would say we don't need it.

Life - He is the only answer to man's mortality (**John 1:4; 11:25-26**).

“If you had known me...” - There is hardly a paragraph in this whole Gospel where the deity of Jesus is not either stated directly, or strongly implied. Knowing Jesus is equivalent to knowing God. Jesus' verbal revelation to men had been completed.

PRAYER LIST

- **Maria Hunter Harrington**, a friend of the Billingsleys, has breast cancer
- **Tommy Shearer**, who spoke here in June, lost a leg in a motorcycle accident
- **Doug Demonbreun** is still dealing with pain
- **Forshia Pennington, Carolyn Pennington** and **Judy Grissom**, relatives of the Reeds, have breast cancer. **Vicki Reed** has been diagnosed with Myeloma as well
- **Faye Waller** is at NHC rehab after elbow surgery
- **Donna Rawls Head** has cancer
- Continue to pray for: families in **Uvalde, Texas** and those in **Ukraine**; the **Brown** family, **Kristine Garrett, Delores Coleman**, the **Krantz** family, **John Hayes, Nick Phifer, Gaynell Walker, Rosemary Douglas, Isabel Johnson**, and **Jim Sims**

SERVING TODAY (August 14, 2022)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Read: R. Mayo
Prayer: J. Gupton

WORSHIP

Read: L. Gregory
Wait On Table: M. Reed
Serve: J. Buchanan, E. Walker
Prayer: D. Billingsley