

Series: Jesus 7 'I AM' Statements
"I AM the Way, the Truth, the Life"
John 14:1 - 6

Big Idea – Jesus Christ is the only pathway to God the Father.

The scene here is in the Upper Room where Jesus gathered with His disciples the night before His death. They've been informed that He is leaving them and going away and they are filled with anxiety and horror. Jesus anticipates this and so here He gives them comfort upon comfort.

Important principle: The basis of comfort comes out of trusting. If you're worried, anxious or confused the reason is you don't trust Christ! So in John 14:1-6 Jesus is saying, "I want you to trust three things. Trust my Presence, My Promises, My Person.

1. Trust My Presence – vs, 1

(John 14:1; John 20:29; 1 Peter 1:8; John 16:13-15)

Their anxiety was palpable because He had spent three years with them and they had forsaken all to follow Him. Now He was leaving them! They were confused because He said one of them would betray Him – who was it? What was going to happen next? Although they wavered they still loved Him.

see how His deity is seen in His unselfish actions – they couldn't feel His pain, but He could feel theirs. So He moves to comfort them even though He knew they were going to scatter and forsake Him

see how His deity is seen in His words – Believe in God, believe also in Me.

They had seen everything He did but He was about to be removed from them and become invisible to them.

Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He *is* the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

The visible presence of Christ is not the issue and that's what He's saying

John 20:29 "...blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Is Jesus Christ here in this room today? "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there I am in the midst. Lo I am with you always..."

Peter finally got it

1 Peter 1:8 8 You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy.

Today the Holy Spirit's ministry is to point people to Jesus Christ

John 16:13-15 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.

14 He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me.

15 All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.'

2. Trust My Promises – vs. 2

(John 14:2,3; Revelation 21:16)

"My Father's house" is heaven. In Bible heaven is called a country, a city, a kingdom and a paradise.

Heaven is described as a cube 1500 miles in every direction (Revelation 21:16)

An Australian engineer, Mr. Thomas, calculated that would be 2, 250, 000 square miles (by comparison London is 104 square miles). At the ratio of population in London heaven could hold 100,000 million people.

Jesus not only said that He's making a place for us, but said that He would come back and get us (this is called the Rapture). John 17:24 says that Jesus is just as anxious to return to get you as you are to go!

3. Trust My Person – vs. 4-6

(John 14:4-6; 1 Corinthians 15:21-26)

Thomas says that our knowledge of everything stops at death. Jesus says you don't have to know How – you just have to know Me. I am the Way, you don't need a map, I am the truth, both is this world and the world to come, and I am the life that is eternal. It's all wrapped up in the person of Jesus Christ.

Everything Adam lost, you regain in Jesus Christ – you can trust Him!

1 Corinthians 15:21 Death has come because of what one man did, but the rising from death also comes because of one man.

22 In Adam all of us die. In the same way, in Christ all of us will be made alive again.

23 But everyone will be raised to life in the right order. Christ was first to be raised. When Christ comes again, those who belong to him will be raised to life,

24 and then the end will come. At that time Christ will destroy all rulers, authorities, and powers, and he will hand over the kingdom to God the Father.

25 Christ must rule until he puts all enemies under his control.

26 The last enemy to be destroyed will be death.