

I am the WAY, TRUTH
and LIFE!

John 14:1-11

Intro:

- Jesus the Door, Shepherd, Light, Resurrection...
 - All of these are meant to call us to HIM..
 - The source, strength, safety, security, shalom
 - All of our needs are opportunities for intimacy
- As Jesus prepares His disciples:
 - He gives them/us promises of our HOME
 - He gives them/us insight into the HIGHWAY
 - He give them/us hope for new HOPE

I. New Places (1-3)

- Jesus begins by settling our hearts
 - “stop being troubled” (13:38 challenge)
 - Instead, “keep on believing in God & Me”
 - The answer to fear is the relationship in HIM
- The place where HE dwells:
 - Usually used at funerals... nice thoughts...
 - BUT, it is a focus for us, we have a PLACE!
 - “I shall take you to My OWN HOME”
 - We messed up our house, so we go to HIS...

II. New Paths (4-7)

- Thomas asks a question – WHERE? (Peter 13:36)
 - I AM THE WAY, TRUTH, LIFE
 - Any one would be amazing, all 3 overwhelm us!
 - Way – not by maps – but HIM (Heb 10:19,20)
 - Truth – not by books – but HIM, embodiment
 - Life – not by life coaches – but HIM, abundant
 - These three are intertwined in our faith/love
 - We look for rituals, paths, experiences, methods...
 - Jesus IS all we need and seek, LIFE now and later!

III. New Promise (8-11)

- Philip wants a revelation – show us! 3 years!!!
 - We can miss what God is plainly trying to do in us!
 - Jacob, Moses, Gideon, Elijah, Isaiah, Ezekiel...
 - Dramatic may be exciting, but has consequences!
 - See me, you have already seen FATHER! ONE!
 - Blind man (9:35); Martha (11:27) – what about you?
 - Words (*rhema*); Works (*ergon*) – these are proofs...
 - Message & Ministry; Who Jesus IS, Who sent Him!
 - Believe I am in Father/Father in Me (10:38)

Consider:

- Jesus is the ONLY WAY, TRUTH, LIFE
 - Apart from Him, outside of Him... NOT!
 - The Promise of Christ is ONLY IN HIM
 - If you are going to live with Him later...
 - What possibilities await your life IN HIM NOW?
 - What opportunities will be available?
 - What support will you find?
 - Peter, Philip, Thomas and YOU...
 - THE I AM awaits you...