

**JOHN 14:6-11**  
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During a Sunday School class a teacher posed a question to the young children in her class. "What is small, and grey with a bushy tail and hops about in our backyards." One hand shot up from a young boy who had evidently spent many days in Sunday School class. "Well", he said, "It doesn't sound right, but I'll bet that the answer is Jesus."

Perhaps the disciples felt this way in the beginning of John 14:  
Thomas said, "show us the Way", - Jesus said "I am the Way"! Philip said, "Show us the Father." . . Jesus said, "to have seen me is to have seen the Father."

"THE WAY", "THE TRUTH" AND "THE LIFE" - ALL INCLUSIVE - IT IS ONE STATEMENT OF FACT. I AM the Way the Truth and the Life.

JESUS IS THE WAY - BECAUSE HE IS THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.

There is NO OTHER WAY that will lead you to the truth,  
There is NO OTHER TRUTH that you may arrive at and thereby find life,  
There is NO OTHER LIFE that you may find in the Father' house other than the Life that Jesus Himself Is.

**"NO MAN COMES TO THE FATHER BUT BY ME"!**

END OF STATEMENT - END OF DISCUSSION.

IT IS NOT A MATTER, AS SOME WOULD HAVE US BELIEVE, THAT ALL RELIGIONS ARE BUT DIVERGENT PATHS LEADING TO THE SAME GOD AND THE SAME END. IT MAY BE A CONCLUSION THAT YOU HAVE REACHED BY SOME SORT OF RATIONALIZATION OF EXTANT WORLD SITUATIONS. BUT IT IS A WRONG CONCLUSION! YOU ARE WRONG AND GOD IS RIGHT!

(Rome News Tribune - Editorial Comment re: Church with a sign indicating that Muslims will burn in Hell. "All Abrahamic religions, i.e. Judaism, Christianity, and Muslim faith, all worship the same God.)

**Matthew 7:13** ENTER YE IN AT THE STRAIT GATE: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: BECAUSE STRAIT IS THE GATE, AND NARROW IS THE WAY, WHICH LEADETH UNTO LIFE, AND FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT.

**I Timothy 2:5** For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

IN THE O.T. - ONE MAN, ONCE A YEAR, WALKED ON A PATH SPRINKLED WITH THE BLOOD OF SACRIFICIAL ANIMALS. BUT **CHRIST IS THE MEDIATOR OF A BETTER COVENANT.**

**Hebrews 8:6** But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also HE IS THE MEDIATOR OF A BETTER COVENANT, which was established upon better promises.

HE IS THE MEDIATOR OF A NEW COVENANT THAT **TRANSCENDS THE OLD AND MAKES IT COMPLETE.**

**Hebrews 9:15** And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

**Hebrews 9:24** For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, NOW TO APPEAR IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD FOR US:

## **IT IS AN INCREDIBLE SITUATION WHERE THE JUDGE OF THE UNIVERSE INTERVENES AS OUR DEFENSE LAWYER!**

**I John 2:1** My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an **advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:**

**Acts 4:12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

**V. 7 - A BIT OF A REBUKE FOR THOMAS - THOMAS CONTINUED TO DOUBT FOR A FEW MORE DAYS - until 20:28**

**John 20:28** And Thomas answered and said unto him, **MY LORD AND MY GOD.**

PHILIP SAID. "SHOW US THE FATHER." JESUS SAID, "HE THAT HATH SEEN ME HATH SEEN THE FATHER.;

The coming into the world of Jesus Christ has given us a wonderful insight into what God is like. An UNKNOWN author wrote:

"Until Jesus came, we knew that God could build a universe, but we never dreamed He would be willing to labor with carpenters' tools.

We knew he was surrounded by angels and cherubim, but never thought that he would condescend to eat with publicans and sinners.

We believed He held the world in space by His power, but we never suspected that He would consider a sparrows fall to be important.

Jesus associated with us here that through His actions, teachings, and death we might come to a better understanding of the one who inhabits the entire universe. The Savior Himself exclaimed, "**He who has seen me has seen the Father.**" db 4-10-85/10-2-73.

CLOSING ILLUSTRATION:"A man traveling in unfamiliar territory came to a place where he had to cross some very high mountains. **Knowing it would be difficult, he looked for a qualified guide.**

When one man offered his services, the tourist asked, "Have you been to the village where I want to go?" "NO" he replied, "but I have been part of the way, and have been told how to proceed from there." The traveler answered, "I'm sorry, but you won't do."

Then another volunteered and he too was asked, "Have you ever been to that town?"

"NO. But I've been to the top of the mountain and looked down on the road that leads to it."

The man replied, "I'm afraid that despite the knowledge that you have, I wouldn't dare trust myself to your leading."

Finally a third man said that **HE KNEW THE WAY PERFECTLY**.  
When asked the same question as the others, he exclaimed, "**SIR, the village where you are going IS MY HOME!**" **The traveler knew immediately that this was guide he needed.**

THERE IS BUT ONE WHO CAN LEAD US SAFELY TO HIS FATHERS HOUSE.  
HE IS THE ONE WHO HAS FOR ALL ETERNITY HAD THAT HOUSE AS HIS HOME.

HE IS, **BY HIS OWN WORD** –

- ❖ THE BREAD OF LIFE - 6:48 "**I am the bread of life**"
- ❖ THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD - 8:12 "**I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.**"
- ❖ THE DOOR OF ETERNAL LIFE - 10:9 **I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.**
- ❖ THE GOOD SHEPHERD, 10:11 "**I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.**"
- ❖ THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE - 11:25 "**I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.**"
  
- ❖ THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE - 14:6 "**I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**"
- ❖ THE TRUE VINE - 15:1 "**I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.**"
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**NO MAN COMES UNTO THE FATHER BUT BY HIM!**

**A.J. Gordon** wrote in to Readers Digest to tell them of an incident that happened to him:

"The flight from San Francisco was rather dull, so when the pilot announced that we would be passing over Prescott, Arizona, before making our approach to Phoenix, I thought I'd like to have some fun. As a flight attendant passed by I said, "I'd like a parachute please, I'm getting off at Prescott."  
"She nodded and walked away. A few minutes later she returned.

"We're out of Parachutes" she told me apologetically, "BUT, I checked around and there is a gentleman in first-class with this **really BIG UMBRELLA . . .**" RD FEB. 89. P. 224.

**GOD'S WAY OF SALVATION BY GRACE IS LIKE A PARACHUTE; THERE JUST ISN'T ANY SUBSTITUTE!**

(lead in to communion.)

THE WINE AND THE BREAD WERE NEVER INTENDED AS A SUBSTITUTE.

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**Joh 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

## Ravi Zacharias reveals the one thing that fills him with hope for the future

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by [Ravi Zacharias](#)

During a university speaking engagement, I was handed a question scribbled on a note card. It read, “The state of humankind as we know it is on a serious downward spiral, and from my perspective, it’s only getting worse. Do you have any hope in the future of humankind and specifically our generation, and if so, why?”

I dare say, the student’s question represents large numbers of young people in the world—they are lost in the shadows of cynicism and fear. Battered by lies masquerading as news and betrayed by false promises of utopias, they seek even a glimmer of hope to guide them on.

I, like the young man from the university, want to believe in hope for the future. But hope, like character, takes years to build—and moments to shatter. **Yet hope, also like character, does not live under the tyranny of the immediate. It is built on the conviction that eternal values are unshakable and spring from a heart in tune with the heart of God.** That kind of hope is contagious when it spreads from a life transformed by God’s truth, love, and grace. But... but... how do we find the Truth?

I have traveled the globe speaking and listening to many voices for over four decades, and I am utterly convinced that **Jesus Christ alone uniquely answers the deepest questions of our hearts and minds.** That is why my hope is in knowing and serving Him. Many worldviews offer responses to pain and despair, but the Christian message goes beyond any other answers to our problem. You see, the problem is within. **It’s not the environment; it’s the “invironment.”** Therein lies our real need. The heart needs to change.

**Here’s the reality. Everyone has a worldview. A worldview basically offers answers to four necessary questions: origin, meaning, morality, and destiny. To be true, individual answers must correspond to reality and the sum total of answers must be coherent. But someone might ask, how do we test the answers? The three tests for truth must be applied to any worldview: logical consistency, empirical adequacy, and experiential relevance (reason, evidence, and relevance). When submitted to these tests, Jesus’s message singularly meets the demands of truth. That is why his truth sets us free.**

Most importantly, in a relationship with him, He brings unity in diversity within to guide all our thoughts, our hopes, our dreams, and our fears with life’s designed and sacred purpose. That relationship with Jesus is the basis of true hope and genuine change. Not so is the hollow verbiage of political sloganeering. Why the difference? Because this operates from humility of heart to serve God and not from an arrogance of power that plays God. **What does that mean for us? It means the intellect, the heart, and the will must be bridged by his love and grace—coherent answers, a transformed heart through Jesus Christ, and the empowerment to live in the fullness of the life He offers. That’s where hope begins, built on eternal truths.**

Before the Second World War, when all things looked grim, **King George VI spoke** to the world on Christmas Day 1939:

“I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: ‘Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.’ And he replied: ‘Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.’”

After the war, **German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer** surveyed the ruins and said to **Billy Graham**, “Outside of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, I know of no other hope for mankind.”

Those words of King George VI and Adenauer are needed even more now. Few things are as dire as a looming war. Nothing is as dark as the grave. Jesus alone knows the way out of that dire darkness. That is the message we must believe, live, and embody. Then our young can mount up with wings as eagles—and see the world of hope through his eyes.

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