

## I Am Statements Pts 6- Jesus Testimony

### John 14:6

- Last week Jesus declared Himself as “**The Resurrection and The Life**” before He raised Lazarus from the dead, and in doing so He asked Martha the sister of Lazarus “**do you believe this**”? Everything Jesus is doing is a Testimony of Who He is, the question is will we believe it, or will we ignore it, whether you choose to believe Him or choose to ignore Him determines where you’ll be in eternity, either with Him, or separated from Him.

### V1-6

- At the end of the last chapter **13:34-35** Jesus says that He gives the Disciples a new Commandment which is “that they love one another as He has loved them”, and by doing this then all will know that they are His disciples, by the love they have for one another.
- It’s the same for the church today, that we all called to love one another just as Christ has loved us, for by doing so then the world which is all about self will see a in the way that we treat each other and it will open a door in which we can share the love of Jesus.
- Upon hearing this Peter asks “**Lord where are You going**” as Jesus had told them that He must go away, Jesus tells Him “**where I Am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward**”. That should have been sufficient for most people but not Peter, He responds “why can I not follow You now, I will lay down my life for Your sake”.
- **Rom 10:2**- warns of having a zeal for God but using it without knowledge, **Prov 19:2** says difference those who act hastily make poor choices, the definition of having zeal without knowledge. But Jesus checks his zeal without knowledge by telling him that before the night is out that he will deny him three times, of course Peter doesn’t believe this, for in the other gospels Peter tells Jesus everyone else may deny You but he would never deny Him.
- This is the backdrop to Jesus making His sixth “**I Am Statement**” for Jesus had not only told them that He was going away and that Peter would deny Him three times, but also that one of them was a traitor. **V1** so with all that having been said the Disciples had reason to be troubled: Jesus knows that we cannot experience life without trouble this side of eternity, but He did promise that we can have an untroubled heart even in a troubled life.
- That happens when instead of giving into a troubled heart, we firmly put our trust in God and in Jesus Christ, now for Jesus to tell them to put their trust in Him, just as they would trust God The Father, and this would bring comfort and peace to a troubled heart was absolutely radical but was completely necessary. You see the word for “trouble” means to agitate, to stir, it pictures a storm that’s approaching that causes the sea and its waves to get agitated and start to crash against the rocks, signaling that the water has become very dangerous.

- That's where the Disciples were emotionally, in a very dangerous place, Jesus knows this so He seeks to comfort them by dealing with their agitation that comes from a troubled heart. **V2-3** what calms a troubled heart is knowing you have a hope and a future, Jesus tells them of a future reunion that is in The Father's House, where the dwelling place is glorious.
- To ensure it Jesus says He goes and prepares it Himself, true love always prepares a welcome, think about how expectant parents prepares a room for the baby why? Because one, it's out of love, and two, they are confident of its arrival, and Jesus does the same for His people, because He loves us and is confident of our arrival.
- In this promise we see two more things Jesus promises the New Testament Church, **1<sup>st</sup>** that He is coming back again to personally escort us to glory, **2<sup>nd</sup>** that the entire focus of heaven is being united with The Lord Jesus, Heaven is Heaven not because of the streets of gold, or pearly gates, or the presence of Angels, Heaven is Heaven because Jesus is there period!
- **V4-5** remember this chapter started out with the Disciples being agitated, troubled, fearful, unsure, but now Jesus tells them where I go you know, and the way you know. Peter had just asked Jesus could he go with Him, and Jesus told him not now, he couldn't follow Him just yet, but here Jesus is saying one day you will follow and even though you have never been where you are going you won't get lost, as you will know the way, how can I know the way Thomas asks, like You said I have never been!
- **V6** the sixth of Jesus "**I Am statements**" because Thomas "**I Am The Way, The Truth, and The Life, no one comes to The Father except through Me**", since you know Me I will come and get you > **Ps 48:14-** Jesus says "**For this is God, Our God forever and ever, He will be our guide even to death**". Notice Jesus didn't promise to show us a way, He said "**that He is The Way**", He didn't promise to teach us a truth, He said "**He is The Truth**", Jesus didn't offer us the secrets to life, He said, "**He is The Life**".
- For people who are wandering about saying "**they don't know where their going**" > Jesus is The Way, people who are confused saying "**I don't know what to think**" > Jesus is The Truth, People who say "**I'm dead inside and don't know if I can go on**" > Jesus is The Life.
- Jesus made this remarkable statement to a group of men who were troubled, confused, and fearful, He set aside all the rituals, traditions, and religious beliefs, and He simply told them there is an exclusive way, truth and life, and the only pathway to it and to God The Father, The True God in Heaven, is through Me, none other, all is false and a counterfeit. Folks what Jesus said then is still true today, all other beliefs, religions, and claims are false, Jesus is **The only Way**, He is **The only Truth**, and He is **The only life**, that leads to heaven.