

## “Destination, Heaven”

*John 14:1-6 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s House are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.’ Thomas said to Him, ‘Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”*

What is Jesus saying to His disciples?

Why is Thomas so confused?

How is it that so few people in this world just don’t get the “Big Picture”?

### Intro:

- What is He saying to all of us, and everyone you and I know?
- Jesus is giving us some “Big Picture” stuff here!
- No, Jesus is imparting what I call **“Big Picture Theology”!**
- **“Big Picture Theology”** is addressing the most important things on your Heavenly Father’s mind for you!
- ***The Father’s highest priority is to get Heaven into you, and when we die, you into Heaven.***
- Let’s look at our passage and the words of Jesus a little closer.

### Jesus says three very important “Big Picture” things here...

1. “I AM the Way.”
  2. “I AM the Truth.”
  3. “I AM the Life.”
- These things are what matter most, and Jesus is making it clear.
  - He says, ***“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”***
  - Let’s start with the very first “I Am” statement of Jesus... ***“I AM the Way”!***
  - Nothing is more important than knowing how to get to Heaven!
  - Jesus not only tells them about their destination, Heaven but He says these amazing words to them... ***“I AM the Way” to Heaven.***
  - This was not the first time His disciples heard an ***“I AM”*** statements from Jesus.
  - In fact, whenever Jesus declared ***“I AM”*** publicly, openly He was revealing who He truly is, which elated some and enraged others.
  - Not everyone believed when He said, ***“I AM the Way”***.
  - But Jesus never backed off any of His ***“I AM”*** proclamations.

### Jesus Confronts the Jewish Leaders:

- In the Gospel of John 8 we read about one of those confrontations.
- Jesus was in the Temple teaching the people, and Temple leaders were upset
- Jesus, in His relentless love for even those who reject Him, makes an “I Am” statement about Himself in the Temple, to the Jewish leaders, and to all the people.
- ***John 8:56-59 “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad. Then the Jews said to Him, ‘You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.’ Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.”***
- What was Jesus saying?
- The words, ***“I AM”*** refer to the encounter Moses had with God at the burning bush.
- ***“I AM”*** refers to the eternal, self-existing One, Almighty Creator God!

- **“I AM”** Messiah, **I AM** God.”
- Jesus was not trying to enrage them, Jesus was trying to reveal to them...
- When Jesus said to His disciples, **“I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me”...**
- He was making it crystal clear to them, He is the “I AM”!
- He wants you to understand that He is the Way to Heaven!
- Furthermore, Jesus not only is the Way, but **He made the Way** to Heaven possible!

What am I saying? What’s the “Big Picture” for me, Pastor?

1. Have you **repented** of your sin and believed in Jesus with all your heart that He is who He says He is, **“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life?”**
2. Have you decided, out of your own free will, to give your **life** and **future** to **Jesus** because He is who He says He is?
  - Are you committed to Him? Are you with Him, or against Him?
  - Are you for His cause to rescue the lost, build His Church, and get as many people as possible to Heaven before you die?
  - **Luke 11:23 “He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.”**
  - Question: How do you know you’re not against Him?
  - If you fully believe He is the Way to Heaven and you fully engage in His mission to save, to gather people to Him, gather them to their Destination, Heaven!

Story of “Doubting Thomas” the disciple of Jesus...

Doubting Thomas, confused Thomas became *Thomas the Apostle, Thomas the Messenger, Thomas the Holy!*  
When you know that Jesus is the Way to Heaven, you don’t fear...

### **Concluding Thoughts**

- If you are uncertain about how to get to Heaven, Jesus is the Way!
- If you, or others you know are struggling to find meaning and purpose in life, Jesus is the Way!
- If you are concerned that someone you love does not know the Way to Heaven, then earnestly pray for them and help them find the Way!

### **Declaration**

Thank You, Heavenly Father, for sending Your Son, my Savior! I believe, Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life! Thank you, Jesus for being the Way, and making the Way possible for me to be saved and get to my Destination, Heaven! Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to open my eyes and my heart to the Big Picture in this life, of eternity, Heaven, Hell, salvation! From this point on, I will be a gatherer, not a scatterer for You and your cause! In the mighty Name of Jesus I pray, Amen!