



SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE



I AM the Way and the Truth and the Life!

John 14:1-6



*“Love casts out fear, for when we know
we are loved, we are not afraid.”*

A. W. Tozer



John 13:33

“Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’”



John 13:36

Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, where are You going?” Jesus answered, “Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but you will follow later.”



John 14:1

“Do not let your heart be troubled;
believe in God, believe also in Me.



2 “In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.



Trust Me 1,2

- You can depend on Me!
 - Matt (11)
 - Mark (14)
 - Luke (9)
 - John (98)



Trust Me 1,2

- You can trust Me – though...
 - one of you will be a traitor
 - one of you will deny me
 - all of you will flee
 - I am leaving you soon



Trust Me 1,2

- You can trust Me
 - 'be at ease' – not troubled
 - If ... Then ...
 - Jesus gives imperative – 'believe Me!'
 - Not a religion or recipe – a relationship



*“Fear and Faith cannot co-exist!
One will overtake the other.”*



John 14:3

“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.



4 “And you know the way where
I am going.”



Follow Me 3,4

- Prepared Place for Prepared People!
- Lessons taught – parables (0 John) – seeds
- I came to you – you will come to Me
- I spent 3+ years showing you ‘the way’
- I am going – NOT taken!



Follow Me 3,4

- John 1:23 - He said, "I am A VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD,' as Isaiah the prophet said."
- John 7:46 - The officers answered, "Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks."



*“Very little will grow in the shadow
of fear – follow the Light!”*



John 14:5

Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"



John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.



Ask Me 5,6

- Thomas in 3 views:
 - Daring - John 11:16 - Therefore Thomas said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, so that we may die with Him."
 - Detailed - John 14:5 - Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"



Ask Me 5,6

- Thomas in 3 views:
 - Doubting - John 20:25 - So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."



Ask Me 5,6

- Fear must not stifle the question! It delays trust.
- Who else will you ask? John 6
- “A perfect faith would lift us absolutely above fear.”
George Macdonald



Ask Me 5,6

- I am lost – Jesus is the Way
- I am confused – Jesus is the Truth
- I am afraid – Jesus is the Life
- Not the best way – the ONLY way!
- Not comparative religions class – Ark, Red Sea, Carmel
- Inclusive World – Exclusive Faith!



*“Faith is to believe what you do not see;
the reward of this faith is to see what
you believe.”*
Augustine



*“Fear is the limit we impose
on God’s promises!”*



I AM – Way – Truth – Life

- Trust Me – is your problem too big?
- Follow Me – is your way better?
- Ask Me – is there anyone else to ask?
- *“When fear knocks – send faith to answer the door!”*



*“We fear men so much,
because we fear God so little.”*
William Gurnall





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