

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Jesus the Way Home

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Have you ever been lost or confused as to which way to go?

Theme verse for this series: John 15:4-5 (MSG) "Live in me. Make your home in Me... When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant."

John gives us his purpose for writing his Gospel:

John 20:30-31 (ESV) "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

- **Jesus is preparing an eternal home for all believers.**

John 14:1-3 NLT "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. ² There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am."

1 John 5:11-13

- **Jesus is the only way home to God our Father.**

John 14:4-7 (NLT) And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!"

"I am The Way"

"I am The Truth"

"I am The Life"

- **You were made to experience the fullness of life & that is only found in a relationship with Jesus Christ.**

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. Without the way there is no going; without the truth there is no knowing; without the life there is no living. I am the way which you should pursue; the truth which you should believe; the life which you should hope for." Thomas à Kempis, Imitation of Christ

Colossians 1:19-20 (NLT) "For God in all his fulness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross."

- **Jesus is God in human flesh.**

John 14:8-11 (NLT) Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. ¹¹ Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do."

Colossians 1:15

Hebrews 1:3

John 1:1-3, 14

- **Jesus made His home with us so that we can be at home with God through Christ.**

- **In the way the Son abides with the Father, we can abide with Christ now and forever.**

John 14:12-14 (NLT) "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. ¹³ You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!"

Big Idea: Put your trust in Jesus as your WAY, your TRUTH, & Your LIFE today.

John 14:1b (AMP) "Believe [confidently] in God and trust in Him, [have faith, hold on to it, rely on it, keep going and] believe also in Me [Jesus Christ]."

John 15:5 (MSG) "When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant...Live in me. Make your home in Me."

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Jesus the Way Home
#1 of 11 - April 24, 2022

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- 4) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in these passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about this passage?
- 5) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in these passages for us and what does this tell us about Christ's suffering?
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- 8) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through these verses and through this message? What does it look like for you to put your trust in Jesus as your WAY, your TRUTH, & Your LIFE today. Take some time for Listening Prayer and respond to Jesus as He leads. Write out your prayer to God.



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