

TIME OF REFLECTION

“Truth is not something we possess; it is Someone who possesses us.”

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“Christianity is not a set of ideas, but a Person who walks before us and calls us to follow.”

~Timothy Keller

“To follow Jesus is to discover that life itself has a direction.”

~Dallas Willard

“Truth is not found in a principle but in a person—Jesus Christ.”

~N. T. Wright

“The central pronouncement, ‘I am the Way,’ is profoundly significant within the chapter as a whole, for it states in so many words what Bunyan knew, that ‘the way’ is not what Thomas thought it was, a literal route or pathway, but a Person, Jesus himself. The destination, accordingly, is not a place (not even precisely ‘my Father’s house’), but also a Person, the Father himself.”

~J. Ramsey Michaels

“The road to heaven runs through the cross.”

~Billy Graham

“Where is the highway to heaven? Where is the love we all need? Where is the peace we long for? Where is the man who is free?”

~ John Denver, “Hold On Tightly”

SERMON – “The Way, the Truth, the Life” – *Jake Willeman*

SERMON PASSAGE – *John 14:1-14 (ESV)*

¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have

I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”