

Revealed – Foolishness to the World

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John 14:6-7 (NIV) – Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him”.

“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 thou must follow, the truth in which thou must believe, the life for which thou must hope” –
Thomas à Kempis

John 14:5 (NIV) – Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way”?

John 14:8-10 (NIV) – Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us”. Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing His work”.

Exodus 33:20 (NIV) – “But”, He said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live”.

“**life**” = Greek *zoe* - “life, both of physical (present) and of spiritual (particularly future) existence”

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV) – “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God”.

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1 Corinthians 1:17 (NIV) – “For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel – not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power”.

1 Corinthians 1:13-15 (NIV) – “Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus or Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptized in my name”.

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 (NIV) – “Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength”.

“**stumbling block**” = Greek *skandalon* – “stick for bait, trap, snare, offense”; English “scandal”

“**foolishness**” = Greek *moria* – “folly, absurdity” English “moron”

“Those who thus veil an unwelcome truth imagine that they make disciples, whereas they are only paying homage to unbelief, and comforting men in their rejection of divine propitiation for sin. Whatever the preacher may mean in his heart, he will be guilty of the blood of souls if he does not clearly proclaim a real sacrifice for sin” – **Charles Spurgeon**

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Hebrews 11:30 (NIV) – “By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days”.

Joshua 2:1-3 (NKJV) – Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, “Go, view the land, especially Jericho”. So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there. And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, “Behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country”. So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the country”.

Joshua 5:13-15 (NIV) – Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in His hand. Joshua went up to Him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?” “Neither”, he replied, “but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come”. Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked Him, “What message does my Lord have for His servant?” The commander of the Lord’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy”. And Joshua did so.

Joshua 6:2-5 (NIV) – Then the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in”.