

Big idea: Jesus offers the only real answer to the greatest need we have. He is the only way that we can be reconciled to God.

I. The chapter begins with three great promises

- A. Jesus said believing in him is the same as believing in GOD**
- B. Jesus said he has a PLACE prepared for us in heaven**
- C. Jesus said he's COMING again**

II. The chapter continues with one extraordinary claim

A. The 6th of 7 I AM sayings

1. The STATEMENTS

- I am the BREAD of life
- I am the LIGHT of the world
- I am the DOOR
- I am the Good SHEPHERD
- I am the RESURRECTION and the life
- I am the WAY, the truth and the life

2. The QUESTIONS

- Peter – WHERE?
- Thomas – HOW?
- Philip – will you SHOW us the Father?
- Judas (not Iscariot) WHAT?

B. The PRIORITY of the way vs. 4-6

1. Another ENIGMATIC statement v. 4

2. Another CONFUSED disciple v. 5

3. Another CLEAR answer v. 6

- He alone is the WAY
- Because he alone is the TRUTH
- Because he alone is the LIFE
- He alone can make the AUDACIOUS claim

C. The NATURE of the claim

1. It's ARROGANT

- All religions are EQUAL (all religions are true)
- It's not OUR claim, it's the claim JESUS made

2. It's NARROW MINDED

- The TRUTH has always been narrow
- Christianity is both EXCLUSIVE and INCLUSIVE

3. It's INTOLERANT

- It can be but it's not INTENDED to be
- True Christianity preserves both TOLERANCE and TRUTH

III. What we take away...

In Jesus we know the way. In Jesus we know the truth. In Jesus we know we have eternal life. Jesus is all we need. Jesus is enough.