

# Jesus is the Way

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In a day of compromise, arbitration, and concession, the thought of there being only one way to life is offensive to some. Yet Jesus was not a lunatic when He affirmed, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6).

## **Jesus is the way out.**

He is the way out of sin. Sin deceives and many are enslaved without realizing it. Some say, like the ancient Pharisees, “We are not under bondage” (cf. John 8:33). This denial is based on a limited understanding of sin and moral wrongdoing. Sin will manifest itself by blatant actions such as stealing, killing, and immorality, but it may also occur in attitudes and ambitions. Only Jesus can deliver from the slavery of sin (John 8:32).

## **Jesus is the way through.**

When illnesses, disappointments, and failures come, Jesus is the way through these difficulties. Just as Israel needed the cloud by day and light by night, so we need a guide that assists us through the dangers of evil and wrong. Jesus is also the way through an uncertain future. Jesus gives us hope for the future. Experience confirms the need for strong daily faith.

## **Jesus is the way in.**

Jesus gives life in abundance. All seek satisfaction, yet some are confused in thinking an affluent life is equivalent to abundant living. Jesus said, “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might

have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). He is the way to have inexpressible joy, a condition much deeper and more permanent than happiness. Happiness to many depends on circumstances, yet Christ brings joy even in the midst of the most adverse circumstances.

## **Jesus is the way up.**

He enables us to reach greater potential. We’re made to love, worship, and serve the Lord. Someone once said, “If you would find the best potatoes, go to Idaho; the best onions, go to Michigan; the best apples, go to Washington; the best peaches, go to Georgia; the best sailors, go to Annapolis; the best soldiers, go to West Point; but to find the best being, you must go to Jesus.” He alone will lift you up to heights never imagined before.

## **Jesus is the way to heaven.**

If you sought a guide to a location you had never visited before, you would not choose a guide who had never visited your desired destination, but you would seek one who knew the way. Jesus left the splendors of being with the Father. –

## **Indestructible**

Bernard Ramm wrote, “A thousand times over the centuries the death knell of the Bible has been sounded, the funeral procession formed, the flowers ordered, the inscription placed on the tomb stone and the eulogy written but somehow the corpse never stays put.”

**“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.” Isaiah 40:8**