

Jesus said "I AM"

The words "I am" = an eternal existence of present tense. He has always existed. Everything that matters in life comes from Him; all power comes from Him; He is God Almighty.

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

John 14:6 Jesus said to Thomas, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me".

What was happening that caused Jesus to say this?

- The Jewish leaders were plotting to kill Jesus (John 11:53)
- The Jewish leaders were plotting to kill Lazarus (John 12:10)
- Peter & Thomas both questioned where Jesus was going (after death) (Jn. 13:36; 14:5)
- Jesus predicted that Peter would deny Jesus at the trial (John 13:38)
- The disciples & the Christians in general were deeply troubled (Jn. 14:1).

The word "way" means "to progress on a road." (Christ is the Way).

The word "truth" means "something not concealed". (Christ is the Truth).

The word "life" means "to be alive, physically, and then spiritually." (Christ is the Life).

1. What do other verses say about "Christ is the Way"?

- a. Acts 4:12 _____
- b. 1 Tim. 2:5 _____
- c. John 10:9 _____
- d. John 1:1 _____
- e. Acts 24:14 _____
- f. Eph. 2:18 _____

2. What do other verses say about "Christ is the Truth"?

- a. John 1:14 Jesus is _____ of grace & truth.
- b. John 1:17 Grace and truth came through _____.
- c. John 8:31-32 If you abide (make yourself at home) in My (Christ's) word, you are My disciples indeed, and you shall follow the _____, and the truth shall set you _____.
- d. John 15:26 But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of _____, who proceeds from the Father, He will tell you all about Me (Christ).
- e. 1 John 5:20 ..and we are in Him (Christ) who is _____, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the _____ God and eternal life.

3. What do other verses say about "Christ is the Life"? Match the columns.

- a. John 3:36 ___ The Son = Life
- b. John 6:35 ___ Bread of Life
- c. John 8:12 ___ To live is Christ
- d. John 10:10 ___ Life in His name
- e. John 11:25 ___ Belief = Eternal life
- f. John 17:3 ___ Resurrection & the Life
- g. John 20:31 ___ Christ = eternal life
- h. 1 John 5:12 ___ Have the light of life
- i. 1 John 5:20 ___ Made us alive in Christ
- j. Gal. 2:20 ___ Live by faith of Jesus Christ
- k. Eph. 2:4 ___ Abundant life
- l. Phil. 1:21 ___ True God & eternal life

4. Jesus Christ is THE WAY & THE LIFE even though: (Make sure verse discusses this topic.)

- a. ___Yes ___No John 4:18 People are in bondage to immorality
- b. ___Yes ___No John 5:10 People care more about their power & selfish desires than meeting people's needs.
- c. ___Yes ___No John 6:7 His followers cannot trust Him to handle the Situations of their lives.
- d. ___Yes ___No John 6:15 People try to solve the nation's problems with political solutions rather than through the healing of the people.
- e. ___Yes ___No John 6:64 Many of His followers fell away.
- f. ___Yes ___No John 6:71 A disciple would betray Him to the authorities.
- g. ___Yes ___No John 7:5 His own brothers (part of family) did not believe that He was who He said he was.
- h. ___Yes ___No John 8:7 People refused to admit they are sinners with dirty consciences.
- i. ___Yes ___No Jn. 12:9-10 People want to hurt believers.
- j. ___Yes ___No John 13:37 His followers' promises are weak & untrue.
- k. ___Yes ___No John 18:12 He is arrested by the Roman government.
- l. ___Yes ___No John 18:26 His close friend & disciple denied he knew Him.
- m. ___Yes ___No John 18:31 Leaders violate their own laws to accomplish & seek their own selfish agenda.
- n. ___Yes ___No John 19:30 Jewish leaders manipulated and got the Roman government to execute Him on a cross.
- o. ___Yes ___No John 20:10 His disciples hid in their own homes.
- p. ___Yes ___No John 21:17 The faith of His close disciples was weak.

THE PREVIOUS VERSES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE ENTIRE GOSPEL OF JOHN.
ALL THROUGH THE GOSPEL, THE LEADERS IN THAT SOCIETY WERE TRYING TO GET RID OF CHRIST & PREVENT US FROM CHOOSING ETERNAL LIFE.

Does this at all sound familiar?

5. Jesus Christ is THE TRUTH **even though:**

a. Match the columns (Only in this section 1).

- | | | |
|--------------|-----|--|
| 1) John 1:46 | ___ | People are ignorant about Scriptures meaning. |
| 2) John 2:16 | ___ | The religious system & leaders are corrupt. |
| 3) John 2:18 | ___ | There are constant religious disagreements. |
| 4) John 3:10 | ___ | Christ's qualifications are questionable. |
| 5) John 3:25 | ___ | People need visible proof to believe anything. |

b. Match the columns (Only in this section 2).

- | | | |
|--------------|-----|--|
| 1) John 4:22 | ___ | People are clueless about any spiritual values. |
| 2) John 5:16 | ___ | Religious tradition means more than the truth. |
| 3) John 6:34 | ___ | Leaders belittle Christ's education & intellect. |
| 4) John 6:42 | ___ | People pursue evil instead of facing the truth. |
| 5) John 7:51 | ___ | Leaders belittle Christ's lowly family background. |

c. Match the columns (Only in this section 3).

- | | | |
|-----------------|-----|---|
| 1) John 7:32-33 | ___ | His followers did not understand His purpose. |
| 2) John 8:41 | ___ | The leaders' timing & plans were better than His. |
| 3) John 8:52-54 | ___ | The leaders refused to believe the obvious truth. |
| 4) John 9:40 | ___ | The leaders blasphemed the holiness of Christ. |
| 5) John 12:37 | ___ | The leaders & people were blind to the truth. |
| 6) John 13:7 | ___ | The leaders called Christ an imposter. |

d. Match the columns (Only in this section 4).

- | | | |
|------------------|-----|--|
| 1) John 16:17-18 | ___ | Use the Scriptures to justify an execution. |
| 2) John 18:14 | ___ | His followers did not follow the Scriptures. |
| 3) John 18:38 | ___ | His followers did not understand the Scriptures. |
| 4) John 20:9 | ___ | The leaders always said, "What is the truth"? |

6. These statements above could be right out of a current newspaper or TV show, or taught by a false religion. PUT A CHECK by the number "1" of each one above that you have heard or read in TODAY'S SOCIETY.

It's pathetic, isn't it?

Good news. Regardless of what they do & say, CHRIST IS THE TRUTH.