

Message

Is Jesus Really the Only Way?

3 QUESTIONS SERIES | APRIL 11/12, 2015 | PASTOR MATT ERICKSON |

JOHN 16:4; ACTS 4:12

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 16:4)

Jesus the Way

The setting of John 14

The interrelationship of way – truth – life

Jesus as the Way of Real Human Life

"I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6)

Pathway – guide – destination

Shepherd: echoes of John 10:1-2, 11

Responding to questions about Jesus as the Way of real human life

Jesus as the Way of Access to the Father

"No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6b)

Relational – experiential – salvational

Gate: echoes of John 10:7-10

Responding to questions about Jesus as the Way of access to the Father

Entering the Way of Jesus

Study Guide

1. This week we begin a three-week series entitled "3 Questions We All Have About Jesus." This series launches off from John 14:6, where Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Take a moment to ask God to speak to you as you study His word.
2. What comes into your mind when you hear Jesus say, "I am the way, the truth, and the life"?
3. In John 14, Jesus is teaching His closest disciples before He will go to the Cross. He is specifically telling them that He will go away, but then return. Read John 14:1-14 to get better context on the statement Jesus makes in John 14:6.
4. Given what you read in John 14:1-14, what would you say is Jesus' driving concern in these verses?
5. In his question found in 14:5 Thomas seems concerned with the direction or destination of Jesus' pending departure. Is this the right question or not? What is Jesus trying to help His disciples understand here?
6. There are clear echoes of John 10:1-18 in John 14. Take a moment to read that passage aloud. What key statements does Jesus make about His identity in John 10? What do you think these things mean in light of John 14:6?
7. Some of people's greatest hang-ups or frustrations about Christianity have to do with Jesus as the only way to God. What questions have you heard about this theme or topic in your own life? How do Jesus' words here address those questions or frustrations?
8. How have you experienced Jesus as 'the way' in your life? What does this mean to you?
9. What is one specific thing that God is speaking to you through this study? How will that shape your life in the coming week? If you are with a small group, discuss that with one another and pray for one another. If you are studying on your own, write it down and share it with someone.



[Response: Throughout this series, we will be looking at tough questions about Jesus.

There may be some questions you wish someone would answer about Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life. Send us your questions either by emailing them to info@eastbrook.org, writing them on a connect card, or visiting the Eastbrook Church Facebook page.]