

ONE WAY? ONE TRUTH? ~ JOHN 14:1-14

→ Scripture John 14:1-3 14:12-14

TRUST IN ME! ~ John 14:1-6

[1] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. [2] In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. [4] You know the way to the place where I am going." [5] Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" [6] Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

APPLICATION

WHY DO PEOPLE SAY THOSE THINGS? (Life App. Comm.)

- They are CONTENT with their lives
- They deny that they are LOST
- They are Convinced they are RIGHT

HOW DO PEOPLE DECIDE WHAT IS TRUE? (Boa, Moody - I'm Glad You Asked)

- Popular Opinion
- Intensity of Belief Makes it True
- Intolerance Cancels out Truth
- True for You but NOT for Me

COMPARING THE PATH AND END DESTINATIONS

Buddhism: *Path* - overcome all human desire
Goal - Nirvana the extinction of desire

Hinduism: *Path*- Reincarnation
Goal - Liberation and oneness with the ALL

Islam: *Path*- Five Pillars of Islam
Goal - Paradise of sensual pleasure (hell for infidels)

Judaism: *Path*- follow the Torah, the Law of Moses (waiting for Messiah)
Goal - Whatever end God provides (maybe kingdom)

Paul Little ~ "...a major difference between Christianity and all other religions. Christ offers us his power to live as we should. he gives us forgiveness, cleansing and his own righteousness, all as a free gift. He reconciles us to God. He does something for us we cannot do for ourselves." (Know Why You Believe pg. 147)

Acts 4:12 (NIV) Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

1 Timothy 2:5-6 (NIV) For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, [6] who gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time.

R. C. Sproul ~ In light of mankind's universal rebellion against God, the issue is not why there is only one way, but why is there any way at all?

YOU WILL DO EVEN GREATER WORKS! ~ John 14:7-14

[7] If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." [8] Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." [9] 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'? [10] Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. [11] Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. [12] I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. [13] And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. [14] You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

APPLICATION

1 John 5:14-15 (NIV) This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. [15] And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.

KEEP IN MIND AS WE PRAY: (LIFE APP. COMM.)

- Seek God's GLORY First
- ETERNAL Perspective
- We MUST Follow & Obey
- God's Promise of PEACE

James 4:2-3 (NIV) ...You do not have, because you do not ask God. [3] When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

TAKE AWAY ??

Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV) ...Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, [10] your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. [11] Give us today our daily bread. [12] Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. [13] And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one, for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

We are Praying that God's...

- Name be HONORED
- Kingdom would COME
- WILL would be done

John 17:1 (NIV) After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.