

Episode 2-02 - The Way, and the Truth, and the Life

I. The purpose of the gospel of John is to produce believers in the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the One anointed by God to be the Savior of the world, and that Jesus is the Son of God, God represented in human form.

II. We continue to consider events leading up to the Lord's death. In John 14, the Lord continues His teaching to His disciples at His last supper with them.

III. John 14:4-6. The Way.

- A. Review V.1-3. The Lord is going away from them. (John 13:33)
- B. V.4. They should have known this, because He had revealed it to them.
- C. V.5. Thomas thinks the Lord is taking a journey, but they do not know where.
- D. V.6. The Lord does not answer Thomas' irrelevant question. Two "and"s here, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." This is the Hebrew figure of speech "Polysyndeton," which means "Many Ands." When there is a list like this connected with Many Ands, it means every element of the list is of equal importance with every other element. In the Reformation, this verse was used to prove that the Way to come to God was through Jesus Christ, and people died standing for this truth. In our day, many try to come other ways. He is the truth and the life also.

IV. John 14:7-11. Christ and the Father.

- A. V.7. I cannot say, "If you have known me, you also have known my dad." But this was true of Christ! This means He was the Father, and they had known and seen the Father by knowing Him.
- B. V.8. Philip thinks He means He is about to show them some great revelation of the Father. He thinks this will satisfy them. He just does not get it!
- C. V.9. Philip was one of the first disciples called in John 1. He still does not get it? To see Him is to see God. God is not an old man with a long, white beard, and Christ a younger man sitting next to Him. We cannot see God, even if we went to heaven, except for seeing Jesus Christ. John 1:18. Philip was totally wrong.
- D. V.10. The same question applies to us: do we believe this? Many claim to be God, but Christ's words were not by His Own authority, but that of the Father Who dwells in Him. Again, a crucial connection between His words and His works.
- E. V.11. We might imagine a little pool of water connected to a great reservoir. It is part and parcel of that reservoir, though extended from it. The same is true of Christ. He cannot be distinguished from God, His source. He urges them to believe for His works' sake, if not for His words' sake.

V. Conclusion: The Lord Jesus reveals the truth: that He is the Way to God; that He is the Truth, if we will know it; and that He is the Life, if we will live it. To see Jesus Christ is to see God, and once we have seen Him, there is nothing else to see. Remember the purpose of John: to produce believers. Do we believe this?