

Jesus is the Way

John 14:1-14

I. God's Assigned Place (John 14:1-2) God's assigned place is Heaven. If you want a thorough description of Heaven, you can refer to Rev. 21 and see John's vision of the new heaven and new earth. Let me read the first 8 verses of chapter 21. **"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." 5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."** God's assigned place is for those who have placed faith in Jesus Christ. When you place faith in Jesus as your Savior, your name is written in the Lambs Book of Life. Rev. 21:27 refers to entering Heaven: ***"But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life."***

II. God's Announced Promise (John 14:3) God's announced promise is that He will come for us and that we will be with Him! We will be resurrected! This promise is from Genesis, in which the intention of God for man is to be together and enjoy one another for eternity. Unfortunately, man messed that up! That's where Jesus comes in to solve the problem.

III. Mankind's Adverse Problem (John 14:4-5) I'm thankful for Thomas asking how? We may have a general revelation, knowing that there is something greater than ourselves, but we as mankind have the problem of not knowing the specific revelation of how to be with God. Listen to what Paul tells us in Romans 10:14-15: ***"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"*** Man's adverse problem is solved by God's obedient people sharing Jesus. We must share Christ!

IV. God's Arranged Process (John 14:6) God could have arranged another way to be saved and obtain eternal life, but He chose, before the beginning of time to use His son the unblemished lamb as the sacrifice for our sins, as the way to everlasting life. The Old Testament foreshadows the prophecies that Christ fulfills since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden to the shedding of blood for the remission of sins on the cross. He conquered death, fulfilling these promises! Christ is the way to salvation. Salvation is simple. How is it done? Look with me at Romans 10:9-10. ***“because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”*** Has the Holy Spirit revealed to you that Jesus is the only way? If so, make it known! In Matthew 10:32-33 Jesus said, ***“So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”*** If you are saved you have believed, confessed, and are living for Christ! If you want to be saved you will believe, confess, and live for Christ! Confessing Christ publicly is scary, but it shows the world that you are serious about the one who died for your sins. In many countries, to commit to Christ publicly means certain death. We must know that Jesus is worth it! When we place faith in Jesus, our names are written in the Lamb's book of life!

V. A Believer's Amazing Privilege (John 14:7-14) Can you believe that we get to have a relationship with God through Jesus? What a privilege! We are adopted, children of the Creator, and given eternal life! Three very significant things come out of this passage. We know that the benefits of Christ are endless, but here are three privileges from coming to Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life!

- a. We can know God through knowing Christ (vv. 7-11)
- b. We can serve Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit (v. 12)
- c. We can glorify Christ through prayer (vv.13-14)

We must commit to Jesus being the Way to eternal life! Have you done that? Are you continually showing others that He alone is the Way?