

Only One Way

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John 14:6 (ESV) O/H

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through ME."

This is a verse that should go on your refrigerator. Every single believer should memorize this verse. Jesus is THE WAY to God because HIS death on the cross gave sinful man THE WAY to God. Jesus is THE TRUTH because HE brought THE TRUTH of God into the world. Jesus is THE LIFE because through HIS LIFE and HIS resurrection HE overcame death and gave us THE LIFE of God. Jesus not only said that HE was 'the way the truth and the life'; HE also added, *No one comes to the Father except through ME.* No-one else can bring people to God, no-one else embodies the total truth of God, and no-one else has defeated death. This means that no-one can claim to know God and reject Jesus HIS Son.

The NT believers passionately held to the truth that there is Only one to God and the only Way to God was Jesus.

Acts 4:12 (ESV)

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Jesus is the true foundation for the meaning of life. Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life actually claims to be the answer to all our human problems. This means that when we fully embrace Christ and take our eyes off the world we can stand invincible no matter what the world throws at us.

Difficult problems will come our way, but Christ stands with us and walks with us through those difficulties. Notice O/H!



As Christians, difficulties will rise up {O/H}, but Jesus is our lighthouse in the storm. This picture is accurate. As we stand with Christ in our storm, HE will protect us and bring us out on the other side. We must embrace Him and not jump into the storm with our own little lifeboat. **Also, our confidence comes by embracing the fact that we have a more glorious future than this present physical world.** Jesus protects us now, but also, HE will return and take us to heaven to be with HIM.

John 14:1–2 (ESV) O/H

¹ Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in ME. ² In MY Father's house are many rooms (mansions). If it were not so, "would I have told you" that I go to prepare a place for you.

As we stand with Jesus, the lighthouse in our storm, Jesus tells us not to let our hearts be troubled. We look at our storm and think, ‘how can that be possible?’ There is not any human reason we should be confident. But Jesus has HIS Hands wrapped around us and will ultimately bring us through our difficult situation. Jesus says believe in God and believe in HIM. Jesus will never leave us or forsake us, and HIS Father’s house has many rooms and Jesus HIMSELF will go to prepare a place of us. The KJV says many mansions. Literally it means dwelling places. This promise applies to every individual believer. Jesus tells HIS disciples, and HE tells us that HE is returning to God the Father to prepare a place or mansion for us. Now if Jesus is preparing a place for us, you know it has to be at least 5-star hotel quality. Linda has an unbelievable gift of Hospitality. We have had several ministry leaders stay over and they usually rave about Linda’s hospitality. One guest said he thought he died and gone to heaven. However, I believe that Jesus will prepare even a better place than Linda. Not only does Jesus prepare a place for us. HE will come and escort us to our new dwelling place.

John 14:3 (ESV) O/H

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

Jesus doesn’t prepare a place for us out in the middle of nowhere. Jesus prepares a place for us next door to HIS place. Jesus does this because HE wants us to be near us.

Brothers and sisters, we should be excited about going to be with Jesus. The Apostle Paul who had a peak into heaven desired to return.

Philippians 1:23-24 (ESV)

I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

The fact that Jesus is giving us special attention and is preparing a place for us should be encouraging. I have taken a few Pastoral liberties to describe what heaven would be like. However, by all accounts, Heaven is indescribable. John in the book of Revelation stretches our imagination to the limit telling what he saw.

Revelation 21:22–23 (ESV)

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Heaven is truly beyond comprehension. However, the path to heaven is crystal clear. There is no reason to miss it!

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