

- With The Promise Of A Future & Special:
 - Home & Host & Hope!
- When He Adds:
 - “In my Father’s house are many mansions (Rooms / Places To Dwell In God’s Mansion): if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. / And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also!”
- These Promises Provide:
 - For The Christian:
 - A Firm Foundation:
 - For A Faith That:
 - Can Overcome Our Fears!
- But Then - In 14:4:
 - Jesus Seems To Want To:
 - Reassure His Disciples!
 - When He Adds:
 - “And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know!”
 - In Other Words:
 - They Already Knew Something About:

1. The Journey Of Christ!

- Already In The Upper Room:
 - Jesus Told His Disciples That:
 - He Was Going To Leave Them:
 - Very Soon!
 - And - This Revelation:
 - Is What “Troubled” The Hearts:
 - Of The Disciples!
 - It “Troubled” Peter:
 - To Hear Jesus Say:
 - Back In 13:33 - “Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you!”
 - And Now - Jesus Just Told Them Again:
 - In 14:2 - “I Go To Prepare A Place For You!”
 - And This Will Trouble Thomas:
 - And The Rest Of The Disciples:
 - As We Will See In 14:5!
 - But Here - Jesus Wants To:
 - Reassure His Disciples:
 - And Confirm That:
 - They Already *Did* Know:
 - Something About His Journey!
 - Again - John 14:4:
 - “And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know!”
- So - Jesus Confirms That:
 - His Disciples Already Knew:
 - Something About:
 - The Destination Of His Journey!
 - Even “Whither” - Or - “Where” He Was Going!
 - Jesus’ Journey From Heaven:
 - Was A Round-Trip!
 - He Had Already Told Them That:
 - He Had Come From Heaven!
 - And Now - He Was Heading:
 - Back To Heaven!
 - Because - Heaven:
 - Was & Still Is:
 - His Home!

- And - This Was One Of:
 - The Many Lessons Jesus Taught:
 - His Disciples:
 - While He Was With Them!
 - And So - He Could Say:
 - “Whither I Go Ye Know!
- And - If They Didn’t Yet:
 - Fully Grasp Or Understand:
 - What Jesus Taught Them:
 - The Problem Wasn’t With:
 - The Teacher!
 - The Problem Was With:
 - The Students!
- But - Jesus Wanted To:
 - Confirm Their Knowledge & Faith!
 - As If To Say:
 - “You Know More Than You Think You Know!”
 - And - You *Do* Know:
 - The Destination:
 - Of My Journey:
 - Back To Heaven!
 - And - Jesus Was Going There:
 - To Prepare A Place:
 - For Them! Even For Us!
- But Then - Jesus Also Confirmed That:
 - His Disciples Already Knew:
 - Something About:
 - The Direction Of His Journey!
 - And - “They Way” He Was Going To Get There!
 - There Was A Path:
 - Laid Out For Jesus:
 - From The Very Beginning:
 - And Even From Before The Beginning:
 - To Return Home!
 - And - This Pathway:
 - Would Be A Difficult Path:
 - And This Too:
 - Jesus Had Already Told Them About!
 - The Direction & Way Of Jesus’ Journey:
 - Would Be One Of:
 - Sorrow & Suffering & Sacrifice!
- Back In 12:32:
 - Jesus Told The Jews:
 - With His Own Disciples Surrounding Him:
 - “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me!”
 - And In The Next Verse John Explains:
 - “This he said, signifying what death he should die!”
 - The “Way” Of Jesus’ Journey:
 - Was To & Through:
 - The Old Rugged Cross!
 - So That He Could:
 - “Redeem Us From The Curse Of The Law, Being Made A Curse For Us! For It Is Written: Cursed Is Every One That Hangeth On A Tree!” (Galatians 3:13)
- But - Even Though:
 - This Direction:
 - Would Be A Hard & Difficult One!
 - Jesus Never Shrunk Away From It!
 - Because - To Him:

- It Was, At The Same Time, The Most Glorious Way Home As Well!
- Because - He Also Told His Disciples:
 - In 12:23 - “The Hour Is Come, That The Son Of Man Should Be Glorified!”
- So - The Direction Of Jesus’ Journey:
 - Was Not Just On:
 - The Path *To* Glory!
 - And - The Glory Of:
 - His Destination & Heavenly Home!
 - The Direction Of His Journey:
 - Was On:
 - The Path *Of* Glory!
 - And - Jesus Wanted To:
 - Confirm The Knowledge & Faith:
 - If His Disciples:
 - About Both The Direction & The Destination:
 - Of His Journey!
- 14:4 - “And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know!”
 - But - All Of This:
 - Was Still Too Much For:
 - The Disciples To Accept!
 - They May Have Known:
 - All Of This - Because Jesus:
 - Had Already Taught Them:
 - All Of This!
 - But - It Was Just Too Hard:
 - For Them - Because It Still Meant That Jesus:
 - Would Leave Them!
- But - This Journey Of Christ:
 - Is What Makes Up The Gospel!
 - The “Good News” That:
 - You Can Be Saved From Your Sins!
 - And - You Must Accept & Believe:
 - That Jesus Went On His Journey:
 - Both *From* & *To* Heaven:
 - So That You Can Eternal Life In Heaven With Him!
 - His Way Was:
 - The Way Of Sorrow!
 - So That You Might Have:
 - A Way Of Salvation!
 - And - His Way Was:
 - The Way Of Death:
 - So That You Might Have:
 - A Way To Life!
 - But Still - All Of This:
 - Was Just Too Much For The Disciples:
 - To Handle At That Point!
 - And So - In 14:5:
 - Thomas Speaks Up!
 - And - He Speaks Up:
 - Not Just For Himself:
 - And His Own Troubled Heart!
 - But For All:
 - Of The Disciples!
 - Because - As He Muddled Over Jesus’ Words:
 - In His Mind - He Uses Those Words:
 - To Express Their Confusion & Concern! So:
 - 14:5 - “Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?”
 - Thomas Is Mentioned 8 Times In The Gospel Of John!

- At Times - He Appears As:
 - A Very Strong, Devoted Disciple!
 - Who Was Ready To Die For & With His Lord!
- But - At Other Times - He Appears As:
 - A Discouraged & Despondent Disciple!
 - Even As A “Doubting Thomas!”
- And - This Is How He Appears Here!
 - But - He’s Not Just Expressing:
 - His Own Doubt - But The Doubts:
 - Of All The Disciples!
 - Perhaps They Are Even:
 - At The Point Of Denial:
 - About The Direction & Destination Of Jesus’ Journey!
- But - Even With This Doubt & Denial:
 - There Remains The Desire:
 - To Be With Jesus!
- And So - Jesus Then - In 14:6:
 - Turns From *His Own* Journey To:

2. ***The Journey Of Christians!***

- When He Makes This:
 - Unforgettable Statement:
 - 14:6 - “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me!”
 - So - Even Though:
 - Thomas Wanted To Know More About:
 - The *Where*:
 - Of Jesus’ Journey! And:
 - The *Way*:
 - Of Jesus’ Journey!
 - Jesus Wanted To Teach Him More About:
 - The *Who*:
 - Of *Their Own* Journey!
 - And That - To Get To:
 - The Same Destination As Jesus:
 - They Would Have To Go:
 - Through Him - As:
 - Their Way!
 - As Someone Once Put It:
 - “Your Way To God Is Not My Way – But Me!” (Don Carson)
 - That Is - Jesus Went On His Way:
 - Of Suffering - So That He:
 - Might Be Your Way Of Salvation!
- Now - When Jesus Uses The Words:
 - “I Am” - Before This Great Statement:
 - He Is Using The Special Name Of God:
 - Found In The Old Testament:
 - When He Spoke To Moses Out Of The Burning Bush In Exodus 3:14!
 - And In Doing So - Jesus Identifies Himself:
 - As God! Not As:
 - Another God - But The God!
 - Along With God The Father & God The Holy Spirit!
 - But The Name Itself:
 - Has Deep Meaning!
 - Because - To Be:
 - The “I Am” Means:
 - That He Is, He Has Always Been, And He Will Always Be!
 - He Is Truly Eternal & Infinite & The Source & Substance Of

Everything Else That Exists!

- And So - As The Great "I Am!"
 - Jesus Calls On Thomas:
 - And On All Of His Disciples To:
- Follow Him!
 - Because He Is:
 - "The Way!"
 - "I Am The Way!" - Jesus Says!
 - This Means That:
 - Jesus Is, Jesus Has Always Been, And Jesus Will Always Be:
 - "The Only Way!"
 - The Only Way:
 - Of God To Man! And:
 - The Only Way:
 - Of Man To God!
 - He's The Great Mediator:
 - For Both God & Man!
 - And - Even Though
 - In Just A Few Hours Time:
 - From When Jesus Said These Words:
 - His Way Would Seem:
 - To Come To Its End:
 - When He Would Die On The Cross!
 - His Way To Glory:
 - Became Our Way To God The Father:
 - Through Him!
 - Jesus Is "The Way!"
 - And - When You Follow Him:
 - He Becomes Your Way!
 - Jesus Also Calls On Us To Have:
 - Faith In Him!
 - Because - At The Same Time - He Is:
 - "The Truth!"
 - "I Am The Way, And The Truth!"
 - Jesus Says!
 - This Also Means That:
 - Jesus Is, Jesus Has Always Been, And Jesus Will Always Be:
 - "The Truth" Of God & Heaven!
 - So - Not Only Did Jesus:
 - Always Speak The Truth:
 - He Is The Very Source & Substance:
 - Of All Truth!
 - In A World That Says:
 - "Truth Is Relative!"
 - And - You Can Have Your Truth & I Can Have My Truth!
 - Jesus Says:
 - "I Am The Truth!"
 - Because - There Is Objective Truth And Reality:
 - And It All Flows From & Reflects Jesus Christ!
 - And - Even Though:
 - That Very Night:
 - The Lies Of The Devil:
 - Would Seem To Overwhelm His Truth!
 - Since Jesus Is "The Truth!"
 - He Would Prevail!
 - And We Can Believe & Trust In Him With All Of Our Heart!
 - Jesus Also Calls On Us To Experience:
 - Fellowship With Him!

- Because - He Is:
 - “The Life” As Well!
 - “I Am The Way, And The Truth, And The Life!”
 - Jesus Says!
 - Again, This Means That:
 - Jesus Is, Jesus Has Always Been, And Jesus Will Always Be:
 - “The Life” Of God & Heaven!
 - Jesus Is The Very:
 - Source & Substance & Standard:
 - Of Real Life!
- And - Even Though:
 - Death Itself:
 - Would Seem To Overcome:
 - The “Prince Of Life!”
 - Since Jesus Is “The Life!”
 - He Would Be Victorious Over Death:
 - Through The Power Of His Resurrection!
- And That Is Why The Bible Teaches That:
 - Without Christ:
 - There Would Be No Life!
 - Even In The Beginning Of This Book:
 - Jesus Is Called The “Word Of God!”
 - And - As “The Word” - 1:3:
 - “All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made!”
 - Because Jesus Is The Life!
- But - At The Same Time:
 - Without Christ:
 - There Would Be No Living!
 - Back In John 10:10 - Jesus Said:
 - “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly!”
 - What Kind Of Life Do You Have?
 - Only When You:
 - Follow Jesus Christ:
 - As The Way! And:
 - Only When You:
 - Have Faith In Jesus Christ:
 - As The Truth!
 - Can You Experience:
 - Real Fellowship With Jesus Christ:
 - Through His Life!
 - And - When You Do:
 - You Can Say With Paul:
 - “For To Me To Live Is Christ!” (Philippians 1:21)
 - That Is - “Living Is Christ!”
 - Because - Jesus Is The Life!
- And Now:
 - Since Jesus Is:
 - All Of These Things!
 - “The Way & The Truth & The Life!”
 - Your Journey To God The Father:
 - Depends Entirely On:
 - Jesus’ Journey To His Father!
 - Which Is Why Jesus Adds:
 - In 14:6 - “No man cometh unto the Father, but by me!”
 - And So - When You Trust:
 - In Jesus Christ:
 - As “The Way” Of Salvation For:
 - *Your* Journey In Life!

- Only Then:
 - Can Jesus's Way Of Suffering:
 - On His Journey:
 - Make A Way For You To One Day Arrive:
 - At The Same Destination As He!

Conclusion:

1. Do You Know Jesus Christ:
 - As Your Way?
 - Its One Thing To Know:
 - The *Where* Of Jesus' Journey!
 - And - To Know Even:
 - The *Way* Of Jesus' Journey!
 - But To Know:
 - The *Who* Of *Your Own* Journey:
 - Makes All The Difference!
 - Between Salvation & Sin!
 - Between Life & Death!
 - And - Between Heaven & Hell!
2. Trust In This Truth!
 - "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me!"

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