

# *Our Hope and Way!*

**John 14:1-6**

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## Introduction

- Life doesn't work out as planned.
- Disciples' plan for Jesus' kingdom falls apart
- Answer for a troubled heart—TRUST ME
- The CERTAINTY of HEAVEN—John 14:1-2

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### **A. The Certainty of the Blessed HOPE—John 14:3**

1. The Certainty of His Return—*"I am coming!"*
  - a. Does not refer to the death of individual believers—Phil. 1:23
  - b. Refers to Christ's second coming in bodily form
    - 1) The angelic promise—Acts 1:11
    - 2) The sequence of events—1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
    - 3) Two-phases of the Second Coming
      - a) Christ's bodily return to earth to establish His kingdom—Zechariah 14:4-5, 9
      - b) Christ's return in the air—the rapture of the church
2. The Time of His Return
  - a. False predictions concerning the return of Christ
  - b. Jesus' words: *"No one knows the day nor the hour"*—Matt. 24:36
  - c. The belief in the "Imminent" return – *"at any moment"*
    - 1) Scripture support—1 Thess. 4:17; Phil. 3:20-21; James 5
    - 2) Ramifications: The need to be ready for his return

### **B. The Certainty of the WAY—John 14:4-6**

1. The Confusion of the Disciples as to where and how.
2. The Claim of Christ: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*
  - a. Claim challenged in politically correct world
  - b. Claim explained: *"I am the way, the truth and the life"*
  - c. Claim supported
    - 1) Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation—John 10:9; Matt. 7:13-14; Luke 13:24; John 3:36; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5
    - 2) Early Christians known as the "Way"—Acts 22:4; 24:14
    - 3) The "way" included Christ's death for sin—1 Peter 3:18

### **C. The Certainty of our OBJECT OF TRUST**

1. Only verifiable claim is that Jesus is coming again—but He hasn't come yet! Why?—2 Peter 3:4, 8-9
2. The reason to trust Jesus to tell the truth concerning the way to heaven?