

The 5th Sunday in Lent ~ Sunday, April 7, 2019
“Metaphors of the Messiah~ I AM the Way, the Truth, & the Life”

John 14:1-7

“Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’” (John 13:33)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” (John 14:1-4)

4 ASSURANCES

- _____ . “**Let not you hearts be troubled.**” (John 14:1)
troubled = tarasso =

The antidote for a troubled heart is _____ .
believe = pisteuo =

Jesus is making another direct claim to _____ here, placing Himself on _____ with God. Just as they believed in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and placed their _____ in Him—even though they couldn’t see Him—they could now believe in Jesus and place their hope in Him—even when He wasn’t _____ present.

- _____ . “**In my father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?**” (2)
room/mansion = mone =

For those who know Jesus, death isn’t a journey to an _____ destination, but rather to a place that’s being _____ for us. The fact that there are many dwelling places means there will be _____ for all whom God, in His infinite love and mercy, has chosen to _____.

- _____ . “**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 promises to come back and _____ lead them there. “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.” (John 14:18)

Jesus guarantees us that if we put our full _____ in Him, we’ll be with Him forever.

- _____ . “**And you know the way to the place where I am going.**” (4)

Jesus tried to _____ the disciples; however, the more He talked about going to a future place, the more _____ they became.

“Lord, we do not know where you are going, how can we know the way?...I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:5-6)

All three concepts are _____ and _____ : The way brings us to God; the truth sets us _____, and the life produces _____.

Jesus had a definite plan for them to get to His heavenly Father; however, the road is _____. Jesus is _____ in the sense that everyone is invited into a relationship with Him. However, He’s also _____ in that He’s the only way to God.

While other religions may offer systems of thought that try to _____ the gap between the human and the divine, Jesus is the only One who has _____ in actually doing it!

JESUS AS THE WAY, THE TRUTH & THE LIFE FOR US

- #1. **Jesus is the _____.**
When we find ourselves in situations where the road before isn’t _____, what we need is a new _____—what we need is direction.

For centuries the _____ had prophesied the coming of Christ. They stood as God’s _____ and pointed the way to Him. However, although they revealed the way to God and the coming of Christ, they couldn’t provide the _____—only Jesus could do that.

Jesus is telling His followers that they can _____ where He’s going; however, the only way to get there is by _____ in Him.

- **Jesus the way to _____.**
Scripture affirms from Genesis to Revelation that God is perfect, _____, and good; that _____ cannot stand in His presence.
All we can do is _____ Jesus—all we can do is _____ what was done for us. Through His death on the cross, Jesus paid the _____ for every sin that we’ll ever commit; and there’s nothing that we can say or do that God can’t or won’t _____.

Jesus _____ the gap between a Holy God and a sinful people; makes us _____ with God; and brings us into _____ with Him—a relationship of _____, where we're given the privilege of calling the Creator of the universe, Father.

“This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.” (Ephesians 3:11-12)

• **Jesus the way to _____.**

The ultimate destination for every believer is _____ with God—that's what we were _____ for. Through His death, resurrection, and ascension Jesus goes ahead of us to prepare a place for us.

“And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.” (John 17:3)

Do you know where you are going? Are you walking in the Way?

#2. Jesus is the _____.

The dictionary defines truth as the supreme _____ and the ultimate _____ and value of existence.

Unfortunately, it's getting harder and harder to determine truth because the world no longer believes in the idea of an _____ truth, and argues that truth is _____ to the individual.

However, without the _____ and _____ of absolute truth, we're reduced to do what seems right, what _____ right, what produces the least resistance and the greatest personal fulfilment. In other words, we make truth all about _____.

For centuries, truth was revealed only in _____. The prophets looked through a _____ glass—they only saw what God desired them to see and only shared what God revealed to them. They never had the _____ truth. Jesus; however, came to reveal not just partial truth, but _____ truth.

truth = *aletheia* = true as opposed to _____ and _____ as opposed to fake.

Jesus is _____ and trustworthy; and when we look at Him we come face-to-face with _____ and reality. He's the very _____ of truth.

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

To live the life of _____ and abundance that God wants for us is to live united with _____.

“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:32)

If you think about it, truth is a very _____ thing because it implies an _____ standard—it's not something that _____ with the whims of emotion, time, or culture

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

Do you know the Truth? Has He set you free?

#3. Jesus is the _____.

Life is the quality that distinguishes living things from _____ things. So often, people settle for a _____ life—a life that's shallow, empty, and _____.

“You were dead through your trespasses and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world. But because of his great love for us, God who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.” (Eph 2:1-5)

We may have a _____ existence on this earth, but Christ alone is the _____ of real life.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)

We become truly alive when we _____ in Him; _____ our lives to Him; and seek to _____ for Him.

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.” (John 5:24)

Are you living the life of abundance that Jesus wants for you?



Have you settled in your heart and mind the truth of who Jesus is and what He says?

Are you walking in the Way, living in the Truth, and enjoying the Life that He offers?