

John 13:36 - 38 (KJV)

Q.1 - ³⁶Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou?

Q. 2 - ⁵Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

⁶JESUS SAITH UNTO HIM, **I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME.**

⁷**IF YE HAD KNOWN ME, YE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN MY FATHER ALSO: AND FROM HENCEFORTH YE KNOW HIM, AND HAVE SEEN HIM.**

- *Clearly, the disciples didn't think they knew what Jesus said they knew. Thomas expressed the obvious by asking, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"*
- *Like us, the disciples tended to think first in terms of this world—time and space. So going must mean physically moving from one place to another. Thomas was almost giving Jesus a choice: "Tell us where you are going or give us the directions—either one of those, and we can figure out the other."*

To which Jesus replied: **"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."**

- *Jesus' response shows that the destination is not a physical place but a person (the Father)*
- *The way to that destination is another person (the Son).*
- *Jesus is the Way to the Father; Jesus is the Truth (or reality) of all God's promises; and Jesus is the Life as he joins his divine life to ours, both now and eternally. Jesus is the way that leads to the truth and life.*

The Way, the Truth, the Life

He is the WAY: John 1:18; 8:36; 10:9; Colossians 1:15.

Jesus is both God and man, knowing intimately our experience and our needs. He is our path, bridge, transport—not just an example or road sign. He is our guide with dependable directions and powerful protection. Our response should be to follow his guidance, trusting his ability to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

He is the TRUTH: John 1:14, 17; 5:19; 8:29.

Jesus is our source of intimate knowledge of the Father. His answers, teaching, and commands were right. Our response should be to believe in him and put into practice what he taught.

He is the LIFE: John 1:4; 3:15; 5:26; 10:10; 11:25.

Jesus gives us life both now and eternally. His life provides the surest model for our own. He promises to join his life to ours. There is no other source of life beside him. Our response should be to receive that life and allow it to work itself out in our daily experience.

Monday Morning Moment

"The world bases its peace on its resources, while God's peace depends on relationships. "

JOHN 14:27 (KJV) ²⁷PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU, MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU: NOT AS THE WORLD GIVETH, GIVE I UNTO YOU. LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED, NEITHER LET IT BE AFRAID.

JOHN 14:27 (NLT) ²⁷**"I AM LEAVING YOU WITH A GIFT—PEACE OF MIND AND HEART. AND THE PEACE I GIVE IS A GIFT THE WORLD CANNOT GIVE. SO DON'T BE TROUBLED OR AFRAID.**

Q. 3 - ⁸Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

⁹JESUS SAITH UNTO HIM, HAVE I BEEN SO LONG TIME WITH YOU, AND YET HAST THOU NOT KNOWN ME, PHILIP? HE THAT HATH SEEN ME HATH SEEN THE FATHER; AND HOW SAYEST THOU THEN, SHOW US THE FATHER?

¹⁰BELIEVEST THOU NOT THAT I AM IN THE FATHER, AND THE FATHER IN ME? THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK UNTO YOU I SPEAK NOT OF MYSELF: BUT THE FATHER THAT DWELLETH IN ME, HE DOETH THE WORKS.

¹¹BELIEVE ME THAT I AM IN THE FATHER, AND THE FATHER IN ME: OR ELSE BELIEVE ME FOR THE VERY WORKS' SAKE.

What does it mean to “know the Father”?

The word know is used 141 times in John’s Gospel, but it does not always carry the same meaning. There are four different “levels” of knowing according to John.

1. The lowest level is simply knowing a fact.

2. The next level is to understand the truth behind that fact. However, you can know the fact and know the truth behind it and still be lost in your sins.

JAMES 2:19 (NLT) ¹⁹YOU SAY YOU HAVE FAITH, FOR YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ONE GOD. GOOD FOR YOU! EVEN THE DEMONS BELIEVE THIS, AND THEY TREMBLE IN TERROR.

3. The third level introduces relationship; “to know” means “to believe in a person and become related to him or her.” This is the way “know” is used in John 17:3. In fact, in Scripture, “to know” is used of the most intimate relationship between man and wife (Gen. 4:1).

Genesis 4:1 (KJV) ¹And Adam **knew Eve his wife**; and she conceived, and bare Cain...

Genesis 4:1 (NLT) ¹Now Adam had sexual relations with his wife, Eve, and she became pregnant...

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

4. The fourth use of “know” means “to have a deeper relationship with a person, a deeper communion.” It was this level Paul was referring to when he wrote, “That I may know Him” (Phil. 3:10). Jesus will describe this deeper relationship in John 14:19-23, so we will save any further comment until we deal with that section.