



Thomas was always the one to question himself. Facing what he felt was an uncertain future, no longer able to see the way ahead, he asked Jesus, "How can we know the way?" Jesus answered him "I am THE WAY" John 14:6. The Greek word here for WAY is *Hodos*. Much the same as in English it means The Road, The Path, The Journey. In these last chapters of the gospel of John, Jesus is not only affirming the destination of heaven to His disciples, but He is also teaching them the value of embracing The Journey, or The-Hodos of following Him. We can be destination minded but not at the expense of capturing what God is doing in our lives right here and now. The here and now in God's Way will lead us to the then and there of His destination.

Most people dream of getting past their current problems. Most people hope that heaven will be their home in eternity. But many people do not know THE-WAY. This concept continued amongst Christians after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The early disciples were commonly known as THE-WAY before being known as Christians (Acts 9:2). They identified with the process, the path, the journey and THE-WAY was one of faith, following Jesus Christ day by day. All believers learned to trust Him just as Thomas had to.

The Apostle Paul said "I show you a more excellent way" 1Corinthians 12:31. That Holy Spirit is signifying that Jesus is "The-Way" into the Holiest place of all Hebrews 9:8. That He is the "New and Living Way" Hebrews 10:20. Peter calls Jesus "The right Way" and "The Way of Righteousness" 2Peter 2:15,21 In the famous passage of 2Corinthians 5:17 ESV the Bible says, "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, Who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."

This life in Christ is the greatest adventure a person could live. He will reveal His glory and power and peace here in your life. He will be your Great Shepherd (Psalm 23, John 10:10-11) Not only is He Lord, but He is your ever present help in a time of need. It is important to understand that this JOURNEY is HIS JOURNEY. He did not die on the cross so we would continue to live as we might wish, because He has a better way, THE-WAY. Romans 10:8-11 says, "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the Word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame." There's the beautiful simple Bible truth.

No better Way to start this Journey of following Christ than to pray as His Word instructs us. "Thank You Jesus for forgiving my sins, I receive You in my heart, as my Lord. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins, and that You rose from the dead by the power of God. I confess You today as my Lord and Savior. Thank you. Amen"

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