

# **JESUS – *The Way, the Truth, and the Life...***

***Key text: John 14:6***

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We are all in a spiritual journey and from time to time it is always wise to stop, regroup and do a bit of inventory and reconsider where we are and what we have as we journey through life.

We are all sojourners, travellers in this world. We need to live our lives with eternity in mind. This world is not our final resting place so we should not settle our hearts here.

Heaven is our home. God's eternal Presence is our final destination.

Jesus explicitly spoke on this in John 14: 1-6 and revealed 4 things that we need to consider and take into account as we journey through life and as we live on this side of eternity.

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## 4 Key principles to take into account as we journey through life:

### 1. Jesus is our guide.

*Jesus said, "I am the way..." v6*

Jesus, who is the way, will guide and lead us as we navigate through life.

*Read Isa. 48:17; Prov. 25:9; Luke 1:79*

**Guide** – a person who shows and leads the way to others. E.g. a "**tour guide**".

In this journey of life, without a guide, we can easily lose our way.

It will be a lot easier if we have a guide.

Jesus, through His Word and His Holy Spirit, is guiding us, helping us to be in the right path.

Jesus is our guide in life. Without HIM, it would be difficult to go through life.

### 2. Jesus is our guard.

*Jesus said, "I am the truth..." v6*

Jesus, who is the truth, will guard us from all lies and deception.

*Read Ps. 121:8; Ps. 127:1; Jn 10:28-30*

**Truth guards us from all lies and deceptions.**

Jesus did not say He would tell us some truths. Jesus WAS and IS the incarnate Truth. He is the personification of truth.

Everything that is not of Christ is a lie, a deception, a distortion of truth, a half-truth, or a partial truth.

Without Jesus, we will never know what truth is. The word anti-Christ does not mean **against Christ** but in **place of Christ**.

### **Proverbs 4:23**

*Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.*

## **How do we guard and purify our heart?**

### **Psalm 119:11**

*Your word have I hid in my Heart, that I might not sin against you.*

### **Proverbs 30:5**

*Every word of God is pure; He is a shield (guard) to those who take refuge in him.*

We need to keep His Word in the innermost recesses of our being. God's Word is pure. It purifies and removes impurities from our hearts. It shields and guards us from any lies, deceptions, and attacks of the enemy.

### **3. Jesus is our gauge.**

*Jesus said, "I am the life..." v6*

Jesus, who is the life, will be our gauge (our model, our example) to evaluate where we are in life.

**Jesus is our best example on how to live our Christian life.**

In life, we always look for a role model, someone you aspire to be because of their accomplishments and successes in life.

We need to emulate and follow Jesus' example on how to live our Christian life.

**He is the perfect role model for all of us!**

*Read Jn. 13:13; 1 Cor. 11:1; Eph. 5:1-2; Phil. 2:5-11.*

**Jesus will be our gauge to evaluate where we are in life.**

### **4. Jesus is our goal.**

*Jesus said, "No one comes to the Father except through me. v6*

Jesus must be our goal, our aim, to reach our destination.

Read Jn. 4:34; Phil. 3:10.

## **Jesus must be our goal and aim in life.**

Our aim and goal in everything that we do in life is to glorify Christ.

**1 Cor 10:31 –**

*Therefore, whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

Jesus and His Word are our goal post.

In the world of sports, goals determine who wins and who loses. It tells us if we are kicking some goals or missing some goals.

Like in most sporting events such as football and rugby league, you will never see a **mobile** goal post. Goal posts are permanent.

Jesus and His Word are exactly like that.

God's Word, like those goal posts, is absolute, unchanging and immovable.

Adversities, issues and problems will consistently be there, but so will Christ.

**Jesus alone can guide and guard you in this life. He is our gauge, our model to follow and our goal to reach our destination.**

**No one can offer you these benefits apart from Jesus!**