

## Jesus' "I Am" Sayings in John's Gospel

### I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life

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#### Message Truth:

The sixth instance of the "I Am" saying used by John, to reassure his reader of Christ's divinity, is the assertion that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Jesus reveals that only He can lead us to God. He is going to His Father's house and prepare us a place, come back after us, and take us home with Him. He can do this because He, Himself, is the Way to God, the Truth about God, and the Living Representation of God. By seeing Jesus, His disciples have seen God; by knowing Jesus, His disciples have known God; because Jesus is God.

#### Message Text:

<sup>1</sup> **"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God ; trust also in me.** <sup>2</sup> **In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.** <sup>3</sup> **And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.** <sup>4</sup> **You know the way to the place where I am going."** <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "**I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**" <sup>7</sup> **If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."**

John 14:1-7

### Heaven is a Real Place

Heaven is described in the New Testament as:

#### A Kingdom

<sup>10</sup> *Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, <sup>11</sup> and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.* 2 Peter 1:10-11

#### An Inheritance

<sup>3</sup> *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you,* 1 Peter 1:3-4

#### A Country and City

<sup>16</sup> *Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.* Hebrews 11:16

#### A Home

<sup>2</sup> *In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.* John 14:2

Jesus a \_\_\_\_\_ knows the W \_\_\_\_\_ to Heaven:

1. Circumstances s \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' c \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>33</sup> "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: **Where I am going, you cannot come.** <sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." <sup>36</sup> Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "**Where I am going, you cannot**

**follow now, but you will follow later.**"<sup>37</sup> Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? I tell you the truth, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!" John 13:33-38

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If Jesus questioned Peter's (the presumed leader of the group) resolve, then the others' sincerity must also be suspect.

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## 2. In His Father's house, Jesus' disciples will find

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<sup>1</sup> "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me." John 14:1

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<sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms; John 14:2a

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if it were not so, I would have told you. John 14:2b

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I am going there to prepare a place for you. John 14:2c

**When all is ready, He will c** \_\_\_\_\_ **b** \_\_\_\_\_ **to get them**

<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. John 14:3

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The second coming is so certain that Jesus can speak of it as present. Let there be no doubt: it will certainly come about.

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## 3. The r \_\_\_\_\_ comfort can be h \_\_\_\_\_ for e \_\_\_\_\_.

**This is perhaps the most staggering thing Jesus ever said. Here Jesus claims something more than anyone else had ever claimed.**

**One must accept or reject it - there is no middle way.**

**Jesus' claim should not really s \_\_\_\_\_ us.**

<sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going." John 14:4

<sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. Romans 1:20

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<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "**I am the way and the truth and the life.**"

John 14:6a

Thou art the way, the truth and the life.  
Without the way, there is no going.  
Without the truth, there is no knowing.  
Without the life, there is no living.

Thomas a Kempis

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**The e \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' claim**

<sup>6</sup> **...No one comes to the Father except through me.** <sup>7</sup> If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." John 14:6b-7

**Have you accepted Jesus' claim?**