



Welcome to Unity's Interactive Worship Service

Today's Topic:
The Way

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The writer of John has Thomas asking Jesus, where he is going, "Lord," said Thomas, "we do not know where You are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

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"No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. And yet, you do know him and you have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."

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"How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."

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Jesus's statements to the disciples gives them a new spiritual map for guiding them on the way to a higher state of consciousness, a consciousness Jesus understood and demonstrated.

You want to see God? Look at me, I am the individualized expression of God. Just look at the works I have done. You too, can do the same works, because the essence of who I am (The Christ) is returning to it's source (God). And that essence is within you, too. For where is God's kingdom?

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When Jesus made the statement of "I am the way, the truth, the life," he was trying to explain that it was his life and not his death that gave meaning to everything he did.

In today's world it could be understood as someone telling their loved ones at the close of their life that: "My actions spoke of who I am, my beliefs told you of the truths I held dear to my heart, and how I lived those truths expresses the very life I am now going to leave as a legacy to you."

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The following outline is based on Jesus's statement of "I am the way, the truth, the life." How we utilize it will determine how we light **"the way"** on our spiritual journey.

"I AM"
Individualized
Affable
Mindful

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"THE"
Tender
Hearted
Expression
"WAY"
Watchful
Appreciative
Yielding

The Way

(Tender Hearted Expression)
 the **"TRUTH"**
Transformative
Revealing
Unselfish
Triumphant
Holistic

The Way

(Tender Hearted Expression)
 the **"LIFE"**
Love
Indwelling
Forgiving
Evolving

Jesus expressed in these words his divine identity and then told the disciples that they could do it also, by revealing it through his works and their works.

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What others have said about **"the way."**

"The way is not in the sky. **The way** is in the heart."
 - Buddha

"When you believe something can be done, really believe, your mind will find **the way** to do it. Believing paves **the way** to the solution."- Unknown

"Without **the way**, there is no going, without the truth, there is no knowing, without the life, there is no living." - Thomas Kempis