



Campbell Chapel

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“I Am The Way”

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This is probably one of the most familiar scriptures in the Bible. We want to read one verse, the Lord being our helper, to talk about for a little bit this evening.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Jesus is speaking here to the fellows. This story is being spoken on the night that Jesus Christ is going to be betrayed. We know that they had their last supper. We know that Jesus is on His way down to the Kidron Valley. As He is going that way, in that time frame; this is probably sometime in the late evening hours around 9 or 10 o'clock, on a Thursday night. He is going to die on Friday. He makes the statement to Thomas. Jesus has told Thomas that He was going to go away—or told them all—He was going to go away, but Thomas had a question. He talked about the mansions. He talked about that He was going to go away and prepare a place for them. If He went away and prepared a place for them that He would come again and receive them unto Himself, that where He was they could be also.

Thomas made the statement, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus made this statement back to him.

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That is the thought. “I am the way...”

The words “the way” when you look those words up, even if you just look them up in Webster’s; you can learn so much about these words. The word way, means the course traveled from one place to another. Not only does it mean that, but it means route. It means also, a track, or passage for travel, a course of action, it also means an opportunity. Get this. No two ways about it; He uses the term “the way.” Look it up in the Webster’s; it says, no two ways about it. It is saying that there is only one way. That is a good thought. It is a route. It is a road.

Jesus Christ said that He was the route, the road, the passage that we needed to travel.

I thought today about some different things in life that can only come about if we walk the route, if we go in the way. There are many things in life that can only happen through and by Jesus Christ, since He is the way.

We may get a job and those things. We may buy a new car and the Lord may not have anything to do with it. We may color our hair green. God probably does not have

anything to do with that either. However, we might do a lot of things in life that God absolutely has nothing to do with, but there are some things that if obtained, get to, or we are able to grasp; it only comes through and by the way. Does everybody get that?

The first story I want to talk about tonight is about salvation. We know this one. You and I cannot obtain salvation any other way, except the way. We know that don't we? There is no other name given among men, or whatever the scriptures say, but there is no other name given whereby man must be saved, other than the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no other way. There is only one way. Jesus Christ is the way.

When you read the story about Nicodemus; Nicodemus was a very smart individual. He was a very smart man. He was a religious guy. No doubt, he spent a lot of time reading and studying the law. He knew about Moses. He knew about Abraham. He knew about a lot of things and he could probably tell you about a lot of things that Messiah would do, when Messiah was come. However, the conversation that he had with Jesus, on a particular night, when you read John 3, he did not know at this particular time that Jesus was the way. He did not know that.

They had a conversation. Nicodemus said, "Lord, Master we know that you are a teacher come from God for no man can do the miracles that you are doing except God be with you." Jesus made the statement that may not make a lot of sense, if we did not know what was going on here. He told Nicodemus a very simple statement. "Nicodemus, if you are going to see the kingdom of God, you must be born again."

Do you know what He was saying? "Nicodemus, there is a way. If you are going to receive salvation, if you are going to see the kingdom of God, there is a way." There are not many ways, but there is a way, Nicodemus. "You must be born again if you are going to see the kingdom of God." There are no two ways about it. There are not many ways you get there Nicodemus, but Jesus makes the statement here that if we are going to move from the area of being lost to saved, there is only one way. There is only one way we can travel. There is only one way that we can get there and that way is Jesus Christ. There is no other way. He wanted Nicodemus to understand all about that.

If we are going to move from being eternally lost, to eternally saved then there is a way. Then there is the way. Jesus said, "I am the way." There is only one way for us to be able to pass from death unto life and that is in Jesus Christ. Amen! There is no other way. We cannot pass from eternal death. We cannot escape the lake of fire, no other way, except, the way and that way is Jesus Christ. We were lost. We were doomed. We were damned. We had to travel another road if we are going to have eternal life. There was another course that we had to take. Amen! If we were going to pass from death to life then we have to go through Jesus Christ. He is the way. There is no other way.

The world needs to know that. You would think as much preaching that has went on in America the last 50 years about Jesus Christ being the only way; you would think that

would not need to be told so much today. However, it needs to be told more today probably than any time in all my life that there is only one way and Jesus Christ is that way. Amen!

I don't normally do this but I did this the other night. You guys may do this. I am going to tell you something. You had better be very settled in what you know and where you are standing before you do what I am going to tell you here.

The other night I was turning through the channels. I turned it on...it is one of the channels about history, but it is not the history channel. In this story, there was a program on about satan, about worshiping satan. I watched it just for a few moments and I understood something. I understood something probably that I never saw or understood before. They were talking about how many people that used to go to Christian churches that do not go to Christian churches anymore. They go to synagogues of satan. As they were talking, they were interviewing people about what went on. It was sickening to me. It was scary. The things that went on at some of these places. They interviewed one guy and he makes this statement. They asked him why did you leave the Christian church and come and be a part of the church of satan? He said, I will be up front with you. Going to a Christian church and following Jesus; there were too many demands. The Lord expected too much out of me. I did not want to live like I needed to live if I was going to be pleasing to God. He makes that statement. Do you know what else he went ahead and said? For satan, I can do whatever I want to. I can live any way I want to live. I can participate in anything I want to participate in. I can do whatever I want to do and satan is fine with that.

I thought how brain-washed people are. What he said was true. However, he missed one big thing. You can live your life to please satan, but you are going to die and go to hell. He missed that part. He did not like the restraints that he could not do and belong to a Christian church. He wanted to be immoral. He wanted to use drugs. He wanted to drink and all this kind of stuff. He could not do that in a Christian church so he goes to the satanic church. He was just so happy to be there.

Here is the thing. If you are going to pass from death unto life, satan cannot give you life. Satan cannot give you life. Satan cannot born you into the family of God. If you are following satan tonight, you have eternal death. That is what he is giving you. That is where you are heading. That is where you are going. However, in passing from spiritual death, passing from the condemnation of our sin, to get past that and get to a place that we can live here and to know that we are saved; we have to deal with this man called Jesus. He is the way. There is no other way. There is no other way that you can pass from death unto life. There is no other way you can get saved. There is no other way that you can have eternal life. There is no other way, except THE WAY. That way is Jesus Christ.

When you read the story, when you read the gospel of Luke 7; there was a Pharisee that invited Jesus to come and eat with them. While they were there eating, there was a

lady that came in behind Jesus and had an alabaster box of oil. Do you remember the story? She broke the box and poured it on His feet. She took her hair and wiped His feet with her hair. The Pharisee thought that this guy—talking about Jesus—could not be a prophet. If He was a prophet, He would have known this woman was a sinner. Do you remember reading that story?

Jesus knew all about it. Jesus knew what this guy was thinking. Do you know what Jesus said? “When I came in there and sat down, you did not offer me any water for my feet. You did not wash my feet. You did not offer me anything for my feet. However, since the time I have come in here and sat down, this woman has not ceased to anoint my feet and to wipe them with her hair. Do you remember the story? When you go on down through there, you will find out this. Jesus said this unto her. “Thy sins are forgiven. Even though your sins are many, thy sins be forgiven thee.”

Isn't it great that we serve a God, that even though our sins may have been great; He is still yet can forgive. He can move us from the area of being lost, doomed and damned to the area of being saved and being born again. Isn't that great? Jesus Christ is the only one that can do that. He is the only one who can save. He is the only one who can give salvation. He is the only one that can do all of that deliver us from our sins and preserve us from destruction. Jesus Christ is the only one that can do that.

You will find in Mark 5, that Jesus gets off of a boat one day in Gadara. There is a guy that meets him there that is totally possessed of devils. Do you remember that story? He is possessed by a legion of demons. Thousands and thousands...of demons are in this guy. The Bible tells that the community had caught him. They had chained him up or tried to. They had taken ropes and tied him up. They did everything they could to help this guy. However, they could not help him. He lived in the tombs. He lived in the graveyard. He ran naked through the country screaming and cutting himself with stones.

Get this. This guy was lost. This guy was lost. He was doomed. He was damned. He had no hope. He had no chance except the way—Jesus—THE WAY. He stopped there on this particular day. Do you know what He said? He simply made a statement. “Come out of him, thou unclean spirit.” Do you remember reading that story? That is all that Jesus said, it completely changed this guy's life. Amen!

When you get saved, your life will be different. When you meet Jesus Christ, the way, when you are moved from being dead in your sins, brother, to be alive in Christ; you will be a brand-new creature. Amen! You can't be the same. You will not be the same.

This guy was not the same. The guy that the community had chained up and tied up with ropes and he had run through the place. He had run through the towns. He ran through the country. Nobody could do anything with him except THE WAY. Jesus Christ is THE WAY that we move from being demon possessed and lost and doomed and damned until we move over and to have eternal life. Jesus made the statement. “Come out of him thou unclean spirits.” Do you know what happened? They came out

of him. Jesus Christ, THE WAY, can and does command even the unclean spirits. Do you know what they do? They do exactly what He tells them to do. Do you know why? Because He is the omnipotent One. He is sovereign. He is the One who is all powerful. Even the evil spirits; He commanded them to come out of this guy. Look what happened.

We know the story about the swine. They run over in the lake and they all drown. The people in the community come out and asked Jesus to leave and leave their town. ...when He gets ready to leave, the guy that had been naked and running through the country, cutting himself with stones, they had tied up and chained up—do you know where he was at? He wasn't running anymore. He wasn't naked anymore. He wasn't terrifying the country anymore. The Bible said that he was sitting clothed at the feet of Jesus; and in his right mind. Jesus gets ready to leave and this guy says, "Hey, I want to go with you. I was lost. I was doomed. I was damned. I was in a horrible shape. You have rescued me. I want to go with you." Do you know what Jesus said? "No. Go home and tell them what great things the Lord, THE WAY, has done for you." Amen!

The thing is that those kinds of situations, man cannot get loose from. I could not save myself. Do you know what I did before I got saved? I quit a lot of my bad habits. I quit everyone of them that I could quit. I did everything I could to clean my life up. I made all kinds of promises to myself that I was never going to do this again, or do that again. However, the first opportunity that I had—I did exactly what I said I wasn't going to do. I just could not do it myself. However, I met THE WAY one night. I met a man called Jesus in a little church half this size up in the head of a hollow. Do you know what He did? He saved me. He moved me from being lost, doomed, damned to having eternal life. Amen! There is only one way that you get that. That is through and by knowing Jesus Christ.

I wanted to talk about peace. There is only one way to have peace. I said this the other night in church. I never saw a time in my life when so many people are in despair. So many people are miserable. So many people are living on the edge. So many people that their lives are out of control and their minds is out of control. So many people are crazy.

Do you know what Jesus can do? He can give you peace.

I had one other thing I wanted to talk about. Not only is Jesus the only way to have salvation and get salvation, not only is Jesus Christ the only way we can have peace—there is no other way you can have peace. No other way, can the raging that is in your life tonight be calmed apart from a relationship with THE WAY. There is no other way. You can quit all your bad habits. You can do whatever you want to do but you will never find true peace until you meet THE WAY. He is the way to peace. Just like He is the way to salvation. He is the way to peace.

One other thing He is the way to. There is only one way—I know and thank God for our doctors and nurses and people that we have that works in the medical field. I thank

God for them. They bring so much comfort. They are so compassionate and do so many great things for so many people and I praise God for that. Do you know what they can't do? As great, kind, loving and have a heart of gold but no body in the medical profession can heal you. None of them can. Do you know who it takes to heal people? Do you know the avenue, the route we go if we are healed? It to THE WAY. Jesus Christ is the One that brings healing. There is no other way. We take pills and I take them every day. I rub ointment on this. Sometimes we need Band-Aids. We do all kinds of stuff. We get blisters. Do you know what? True healing is only one way. That is through and by Jesus Christ.

You will not find in the scriptures where anybody else was healed any other way. Everybody in this book were healed by the God of heaven. There is no other way.

Jesus Christ is THE WAY—THE ONLY WAY.

Come and pray—