

Social Media Content: Sunday 25/7/26 - Jesus is... the way

Alternative Video Titles:

1. Jesus Is The Way — But Not In The Way You Think | John 14:6
2. Why Jesus Isn't Just A Way — He's THE Only Way (And Why That's Good News)
3. Stop Looking For Directions & Start Walking With Jesus | John 14 Sermon

Engaging Video Description:

What does it actually mean that Jesus is 'the way'? In this powerful opening sermon of the series 'Jesus Is...', we dive into John 14:6 and unpack one of the boldest claims Jesus ever made — 'I am the way, the truth, and the life.'

But here's the thing: Jesus isn't pointing you to a destination. He's not handing you a map or a checklist. He's saying, 'Walk with me.' And that changes everything.

In this message, you'll discover:

- Why Jesus claimed to be the ONLY way — and why that's not arrogant, it's precise
- The difference between the broad road and the narrow road (and why people choose the broad one)
- Why Christianity isn't about following directions — it's about travelling with a person
- The difference between 'bios' life and 'zoë' life — and which one Jesus is offering you
- How to stop stressing about making the wrong decisions and start trusting the guide

Whether you're a long-time follower of Jesus or someone exploring faith for the first time, this message will challenge and encourage you to stop searching for the map — and start walking with the Way himself.

This is part 1 of a 3-week series: Jesus Is...

Part 2: Jesus Is The Truth

Part 3: Jesus Is The Life

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Blog Post:

Jesus Is The Way — But He's Not A Map

What if the thing you've been searching for isn't a direction, but a person? In John 14:6, Jesus makes one of the boldest claims ever spoken: 'I am the way, the truth, and the life.' This week, we're focusing on the first part of that statement — Jesus is the way. And it might just reshape how you think about following him.

****What Does It Actually Mean That Jesus Is 'The Way'?****

Jesus didn't say, 'I'll show you the way' or 'Here's a map to get you there.' He said, 'I am the way.' That's a massive difference. He's not pointing you in a direction — he is the direction. He's not handing you a set of rules to follow — he's inviting you to walk with him.

The context matters too. Jesus said this to a group of anxious disciples who were desperate for answers. Thomas wanted directions. Philip wanted to see God. And Jesus kept turning their attention back to himself: 'Look at me. It's all in me.'

The goal was never just to get to heaven. The goal is to get to God — and Jesus, being one with the Father, says, 'You want to find him? Come to me.'

****Is Jesus Really The ONLY Way?****

Yes — and he wasn't shy about saying so. Throughout John's gospel and the wider New Testament, this claim is repeated clearly:

- 'No one comes to the Father except through me.' (John 14:6)
- 'There is salvation in no one else.' (Acts 4:12)
- 'There is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.' (1 Timothy 2:5)

This can feel uncomfortable to say in today's culture, where claiming there's only one way sounds arrogant or narrow-minded. But here's a helpful reframe: exclusivity keeps people out. Precision helps people find the right place. Jesus isn't being exclusive — he's being precise. He's standing at the door saying, 'I don't want you to get lost. This is how you find the Father.'

Think of it like a relationship. You can only be in a relationship with a specific person by actually being in relationship with that person. It's not narrow-minded — it's just how personal relationships work.

****What's The Difference Between The Broad Road And The Narrow Road?****

In Matthew 7, Jesus says that the road to life is narrow and difficult, and few find it. The broad road — the one most people are on — is wide, easy, and well-populated.

Our culture celebrates the broad road: 'You do you,' 'Follow your heart,' 'Live your truth.' It sounds free and appealing. But Jesus says it leads somewhere you don't want to end up.

The narrow way, on the other hand, requires dependence on Jesus rather than independence from him. That's not fashionable — but it leads to what he calls 'zoë life.' Not just 'bios' life — the everyday rhythm of waking up, getting things done, having good days and bad days — but zoë life: the divine, indestructible, uncreated life that exists within God himself. That's what's on offer at the end of the narrow road.

****So What Does Walking With Jesus Actually Look Like?****

Here's the beautiful tension: Jesus doesn't hand you a plan. He says, 'Walk with me.' That can feel unsettling when you're facing big decisions and just want someone to tell you what to do. But the Christian life isn't about learning a route — it's about learning to trust the guide.

As the Message Bible puts it in Matthew 11: 'Walk with me and work with me. Watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.'

This means:

- When you open your Bible, you're not just reading words — you're meeting the person those words point to
- When you worship, you're not just engaging with a melody — you're connecting with the one the songs are about
- When you pray, you're not ticking a checklist — you're spending time with the Way himself

****Life Application This Week****

- Stop looking for the map and start talking to Jesus about the step right in front of you
- When you face a decision this week, resist the urge to figure it all out — ask Jesus to walk with you through it
- Open your Bible not to gather information, but to meet a person
- Let your shoulders drop — even if you make the wrong call, he never leaves you
- Take Mary's advice from the wedding at Cana: 'Do whatever he tells you to do'

The way is not a checklist. The way is not a destination. The way is a person — and his name is Jesus.

Congregation Handout:

Jesus is the way — not a map, but a person to walk with.

KEY SCRIPTURE

'Jesus told him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' — John 14:6

THE BIG IDEA

Every human being longs for direction, truth, and life. Jesus doesn't just have the answers to those longings — he is the answer. This week we focused on Jesus being the way. Not a route to follow, not a checklist to complete, but a person to walk with.

MAIN POINTS

1. Jesus is the **ONLY** way. He wasn't embarrassed to say it, and neither were his apostles. This isn't arrogance — it's precision. He wants you to find the Father, not get lost.
2. Jesus is the **NARROW** way. The broad road is popular, well-travelled, and appealing — but Jesus says it leads somewhere you don't want to go. The narrow road is difficult, but it leads to *zoë* life — the divine, indestructible life found in God himself.
3. Jesus is a way, **NOT** a map. He doesn't hand you a plan and send you on your way. He says, 'Walk with me.' The Christian life isn't about learning a route — it's about trusting the guide.

SOMETHING TO MEDITATE ON

'Walk with me and work with me. Watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.' — Matthew 11:29 (MSG)

You haven't missed him if you made the wrong call. He never leaves you. You're still walking with the Way.

CALL TO ACTION

This week, before you open your Bible, before you pray, before you make that decision — pause and say: 'Jesus, I don't need the map. I just need you. Walk with me.' Then take Mary's advice from the wedding at Cana: do whatever he tells you to do.

Short Summary:

In this opening sermon of the series 'Jesus Is...', the message focuses on John 14:6 and Jesus' bold claim: 'I am the way, the truth, and the life.' The sermon unpacks what it truly means that Jesus is the way — not a map, not a set of directions, but a person to walk with. It challenges the idea that the Christian life is about following rules or finding the right route, and instead calls believers to deeper relationship with Jesus, trusting him as the guide through every season and decision of life. Jesus is not just a way — he is the only way, the narrow way, and ultimately, the way to the Father himself.

Tweet-Worthy Quotes:

1. Jesus doesn't say 'I'll show you the way.' He says 'I AM the way.' He doesn't point to it. He is it.
2. The goal was never just to get to heaven. The goal is to get to God. And Jesus says: you find the Father through me.
3. Declaring Jesus is the only way isn't exclusive — it's precise. He's not keeping you out. He's making sure you find the right place.
4. Christianity isn't receiving directions. It's travelling with a person.
5. You can make 101 wrong decisions and he's still with you. He never leaves. You haven't missed the way.
6. The broad road doesn't have warning signs. It's Jesus himself who stands on that road saying: take this path. This is the way to life.
7. The way is not a spiritual to-do list. The way is a person who walks with you while you do those things.
8. 'Walk with me and work with me. Watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.' — Matthew 11:29

- 9.** Zoë life — the divine, indestructible life within God himself — is not just for eternity. It's available to you today, on the narrow road.
- 10.** The early church weren't called Christians first. They were called 'the way.' They knew — Jesus isn't a belief system. He's a way of life.