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Sunday 25/7/26 - Jesus is... the way

Weekly Devotional Journey

Monday - The Answer Is a Person

Morning Devotion

Today's Verse

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 NLT)

Devotional Thought

There is something profoundly disarming about the way Jesus answers Thomas's question. Thomas is anxious, confused, looking for directions — and Jesus does not hand him a map. He does not point down a road. He does not open a scroll and say, 'Here, follow these instructions.' He says, simply and staggeringly, 'I am the way.' The answer to Thomas's searching is not a system, a strategy, or a set of spiritual disciplines. The answer is a person.

This is worth sitting with on a Monday morning, as the week stretches out before you with all its decisions, pressures, and uncertainties. How often do we come to God the way Thomas came to Jesus — looking for directions, wanting clarity, hoping for a clear plan — and miss the extraordinary truth that what God is offering us is himself?

The sermon reminds us that Jesus makes this deeply personal: 'He doesn't merely say, I've got the answer for you. He says, I am the answer. It's a big difference.' And what a difference it is. A map can be lost, misread, or become outdated. A guide who walks beside you, who knows the terrain, who is the very destination you are seeking — that is something altogether different.

The three great longings of the human condition — direction, truth, and life — find their fulfilment not in a philosophy, a religion, or a self-help programme, but in a living person who stands before us and says, 'Come to me.' Every human soul is searching for something. The Christian gospel declares that the searching has an answer, and that answer has a name: Jesus.

As you begin this week, resist the temptation to reduce your faith to a checklist or a set of principles. The invitation of Jesus is relational, warm, and immediate. He is not a distant deity issuing instructions from afar. He is the way — present, personal, and sufficient.

Reflection Question

In what areas of your life are you currently looking for a map or a set of directions from God, rather than leaning into a deeper walk with Jesus himself?

From Sunday's Sermon

"Jesus makes this about him. He doesn't point to the way. He doesn't say, 'Go that way.' He says, 'I am the way.' He doesn't open a book and go, 'Look, this is the truth.' He says, 'I am the truth.' He doesn't say, 'Look, here's where you would find life.' He says, 'I am life.'"

Today's Application

Begin this Monday by resisting the urge to open your week with a to-do list before you have opened your heart to Jesus. Before you check your phone, your emails, or your calendar, take five minutes to simply acknowledge his presence. You might say aloud, 'Jesus, you are the way. I am not walking alone today.'

Then, as you move through your day — whether in meetings, conversations, or routine tasks — practise a simple habit: when a decision arises, however small, pause and silently invite Jesus into it. Not to receive a dramatic answer, but to cultivate the awareness that you are walking with someone.

If there is a larger decision weighing on you this week, resist the anxiety of needing a full map. Instead, write it down in a journal or notebook and bring it to Jesus in prayer, not demanding an answer, but expressing your trust that he walks with you through uncertainty. The goal today is not to solve everything — it is to begin the week consciously in the company of the one who is the way.

Morning Prayer

Lord Jesus, I begin this week in your presence. I confess that I so often come to you looking for directions rather than for you — wanting a map when you are offering me yourself. Forgive me for the times I have reduced my faith to a checklist and missed the wonder of walking with you. This morning, I choose to fix my eyes on you. You are the way — not a way among many, but the way, the one who leads me to the Father. Help me to carry that truth through every hour of this day. When I face decisions, speak to me. When I feel uncertain, remind me that you are beside me. I do not need to know the full route. I just need to walk with you. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

Evening Devotion

Did I Walk With Him Today?

Evening Reflection

As this Monday draws to a close, it is worth pausing to reflect on the day with honesty and gentleness. The morning invited you to begin with Jesus — to acknowledge his presence, to bring your decisions to him, to walk consciously with the one who is the way. How did that unfold in practice?

Perhaps there were moments when you genuinely sensed his nearness — a quiet confidence in a difficult conversation, an unexpected peace in the middle of a stressful hour, a thought that seemed to come from somewhere beyond your own anxiety. Those are the fingerprints of the way, walking with you.

And perhaps there were stretches of the day when you forgot entirely — when the busyness swallowed up the morning's intention and you found yourself navigating on your own instincts. That is not failure. That is the honest reality of learning to walk with a person rather than follow a map. The good news is that Jesus does not abandon us when we stop noticing him. He is still there, still the way, still present.

The early followers of Jesus were not called Christians at first. They were called 'the way.' They were known by their orientation — their whole life pointed towards and walked with Jesus. That is the invitation for this week: not perfection, but direction.

Evening Reflection

Where did you most sense Jesus walking with you today, and where did you find yourself trying to navigate alone?

Evening Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for this day. Thank you that you were with me even in the moments I forgot to look for you. As I rest tonight, I lay down the decisions, the pressures, and the uncertainties of the day. You are still the way — and tomorrow I get to walk with you again. Amen.

Tuesday - The Only Way: Precision, Not Exclusion

Morning Devotion

Today's Verse

There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12 NLT)

Devotional Thought

Yesterday we sat with the extraordinary truth that Jesus is the answer — not merely that he has an answer, but that he himself is the way. Today we must go deeper into a claim that many Christians find quietly uncomfortable: Jesus is not just a way, but the only way. 'No one can come to the Father except through me,' he says in John 14:6. And in Acts 4:12, Peter — standing before the very authorities who crucified Jesus — declares it with unflinching courage: there is no other name.

This claim sits uneasily in our cultural moment. We live in a world that prizes what the sermon calls 'the broad road' — the language of 'you do you and I'll do me,' of finding your own truth, blazing your own trail. To say there is only one way can sound, to modern ears, arrogant, narrow-minded, even unkind. And if we are honest, many of us have felt a flicker of embarrassment when this subject arises with friends, colleagues, or family members who do not share our faith.

But the sermon offers a reframe that is both theologically precise and deeply pastoral. The claim that Jesus is the only way is not about exclusion — keeping people out. It is about precision — ensuring people find the one they are truly looking for. When the destination is not merely heaven but a person — the Father himself — then it is no surprise that there is one way to reach him. This is simply how personal relationships work. You cannot know someone else's spouse as their spouse knows them. The intimacy of relationship is, by its very nature, particular and personal.

Jesus, who is in the Father and the Father in him, is the extended hand of God reaching towards humanity and saying, 'This is how you find me.' That is not arrogance. That is grace — breathtaking, specific, personal grace.

Reflection Question

When you consider the claim that Jesus is the only way, what emotions arise in you? Is there any embarrassment, uncertainty, or perhaps a fresh sense of wonder that God has made himself so specifically findable?

From Sunday's Sermon

"Declaring Jesus is the only way isn't some exclusive thing. It's about being really, really precise. Being exclusive says, look, we want to keep you out. But being precise says, I want you to get there. Exactly. I don't want you to get lost along the way."

Today's Application

Today, consider the people in your life who are searching — for direction, for truth, for something that will truly satisfy. You may have a friend, a colleague, or a family member who is spiritually open but has never encountered Jesus as the way. Rather than feeling nervous about the exclusivity of the gospel, let today's truth reframe your posture: you are not holding a door shut, you are pointing to the one door that opens.

Practically, pray by name for two or three people in your life who do not yet know Jesus. Ask God to give you a natural opportunity this week to speak about him — not with a rehearsed argument, but with the warmth of someone who has found the way and longs for others to find him too.

Also, examine your own heart: are there areas where you are still hedging your bets, looking for supplementary 'ways' — other sources of ultimate direction, meaning, or security? Bring those areas honestly to Jesus today and recommit them to him as the one in whom all your searching finds its end.

Morning Prayer

Lord Jesus, I confess that I sometimes soften your words to make them more palatable to the world around me. Forgive me for the moments when I have been more concerned with being liked than with being faithful. You are the only way to the Father — and what a gift that is. You have not left us to wander. You have made yourself known. Give me courage today to hold this truth with confidence and to share it with compassion. Let me be someone who points others to you — not with arrogance, but with the quiet certainty of one who has been found. Amen.

Evening Devotion

Precision and Grace

Evening Reflection

This evening, sit quietly with the thought that God's specificity is an expression of his love, not his severity. The fact that there is one way to the Father means that the Father has not left us guessing. He has not scattered hints across a thousand religions and philosophies and said, 'Good luck finding me.' He has sent his Son — the exact image of his nature — and said, 'Here I am. Come to me through him.'

The apostles understood this with a clarity that cost them dearly. Peter said it before the Sanhedrin. Paul wrote it to Timothy. John wove it through his letters. They were not being narrow-minded. They were being faithful to the most generous act in human history: God himself becoming the way.

As you reflect on your day, consider whether you engaged with anyone — in conversation, in prayer, in thought — who is still searching for the way. Did you carry the awareness that you know something the world desperately needs? Not as a source of pride, but as a weight of loving responsibility?

Rest tonight in the precision of God's grace. He found you. He is the way — and he is not hiding.

Evening Reflection

How does understanding Jesus as the precise way to the Father — rather than an exclusive one — change how you feel about sharing your faith?

Evening Prayer

Father, thank you that you did not leave us to search in the dark. Thank you for Jesus — the exact and only way to you. As I sleep tonight, may that truth settle deeply into my heart, and may it make me bolder and more loving tomorrow. Amen.

Wednesday - The Narrow Road and the Zoë Life

Morning Devotion

Today's Verse

You can enter God's kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it. (Matthew 7:13-14 NLT)

Devotional Thought

By midweek, we have established that Jesus is the only way to the Father and that his specificity is an act of grace, not exclusion. Today we press into something that Jesus says plainly but that we often instinctively resist: the way is narrow, and the road is difficult. This is not a peripheral idea tucked away in an obscure corner of Scripture. Jesus says it directly, without apology, in the Sermon on the Mount.

The world we inhabit — and if we are honest, the instincts within us — prefers the broad road. The sermon captures the language of our age beautifully: 'You do you and I'll do me. Find your own path. Follow your heart. Live your truth. Blaze your own trail.' These phrases are everywhere. They are on motivational posters, in graduation speeches, woven through popular culture. And they are, in Jesus's own words, the description of the broad road.

But here is the pastoral and theological insight that the sermon draws out with great care: the broad road is not obviously terrible. It can be comfortable, enjoyable, and even satisfying on a surface level. Jesus does not say the broad road is miserable — if it were, people would leave it readily. He says it leads to destruction. The danger is not that it feels dreadful. The danger is that it feels fine.

The narrow road, by contrast, leads to what Jesus calls life — and here the Greek word is *Zoë*, not *bios*. *Bios* is the ordinary pulse of existence: waking, working, sleeping, the rhythm of days. *Zoë* is the divine, uncreated, indestructible life that dwells in God himself. The narrow road is not about earning a better life. It is about receiving a qualitatively different kind of life — God's own life, shared with us through Jesus. That is worth any narrowness. That is worth the difficulty of going against the crowd.

Reflection Question

In what specific areas of your life does the broad road feel most appealing right now? What would it look like to choose the narrow road in that area this week?

From Sunday's Sermon

"Don't trade that bios life for the Zoë life. The gateway to life is only on the narrow road. When he's talking about the Zoë life, he's not giving them a bunch of stuff to do. He says, 'Just come to me. I am the source of the Zoë life. I am the narrow path. I am the way.'"

Today's Application

Wednesday is often the point in the week when the energy of good intentions begins to wane and the pull of comfort and convenience grows stronger. This is precisely the moment to choose the narrow road in a concrete way.

Identify one area where the broad road is calling to you this week — perhaps a habit of avoidance, a compromise in your integrity, a relationship where you have been taking the easier path rather than the loving one, or a pattern of consumption (social media, entertainment, spending) that is feeding bios life but starving Zoë life. Name it honestly before God.

Then make one specific, measurable choice today to take the narrow road in that area. This might mean having a conversation you have been avoiding, turning off a screen and spending that time in prayer or Scripture, or choosing generosity over self-protection. The narrow road is not about misery — it is about orientation. It is about choosing the way that leads to God's own life rather than the way that merely passes the time.

End the day by noting in a journal what that choice cost you and what it gave you.

Morning Prayer

Lord Jesus, I confess that the broad road is often more appealing than I like to admit. The language of 'my truth' and 'my path' is seductive, and I feel its pull. But you have promised that the narrow road leads to Zoë life — your life, shared with me. I want that more than comfort. I want you more than ease. Give me courage today to choose the narrow road, not out of grim duty, but out of love for you and trust in your promise. You are the narrow way, and you are worth it. Amen.

Evening Devotion

The Road Less Travelled

Evening Reflection

Tonight, reflect on the choice or choices you made today to walk the narrow road. It may have felt costly. It may have felt countercultural — out of step with colleagues, friends, or even your own instincts. That is not a sign that you got it wrong. That is, in many ways, a sign that you got it right.

The sermon makes a striking observation: the broad road does not come with warning signs marking the distance to destruction. The only road sign is Jesus himself, standing at the junction and saying, 'Take this path.' Following him means trusting his word about where each road leads, even when the broad road looks more inviting in the moment.

But the narrow road is not joyless. The Zoë life — the divine, indestructible life of God — begins not in eternity but now, today, in the moments when we choose his way over our own. Did you sense any of that life today? A quiet satisfaction, a deeper peace, a sense of being aligned with something true and good? That is Zoë life beginning to breathe in you.

Rest tonight knowing that Jesus does not merely point you to the narrow road — he walks it with you. You are not alone on the difficult path.

Evening Reflection

Where did you sense God's life — Zoë life — at work in you today, even in small ways?

Evening Prayer

Lord, thank you for the narrow road. Thank you that it leads somewhere — to you, to life, to the Father. As I rest tonight, renew my desire to walk it again tomorrow. I trust your word about where each road leads. Amen.

Thursday - A Way, Not a Map: Learning to Walk With Jesus

Morning Devotion

Today's Verse

Are you tired, worn out, burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me. Watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly. (Matthew 11:28-30 MSG)

Devotional Thought

We have spent this week sitting with the truth that Jesus is the only way, and that the way is narrow. But today we come to perhaps the most personally transforming insight of the whole sermon: Jesus is not a map. He is the way. And those are profoundly different things.

A map gives you information. It shows you the route in advance. You can study it, memorise it, feel confident that you know exactly where you are going before you take a single step. Many of us, if we are honest, would prefer a map. We would like God to give us a clear plan — for our career, our relationships, our finances, our future — so that we can feel secure and in control. We want a satnav that announces every turn with enough notice to prepare.

But Jesus says, 'Walk with me.' Not 'here is the route.' Not 'follow these instructions.' Walk. With. Me. Christianity, as the sermon puts it with beautiful simplicity, 'isn't receiving directions. It's travelling with a person.'

This is both more demanding and more freeing than a map. More demanding, because it requires ongoing trust rather than one-time information. More freeing, because it means you are never navigating alone, and you are never truly lost as long as you are with him. The Message translation of Matthew 11 captures this with extraordinary warmth: 'Walk with me and work with me. Watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.' There is something in those words — unforced rhythms — that speaks directly to the exhaustion of trying to live the Christian life as a performance, a checklist, a series of boxes to tick. Jesus is not asking for that. He is asking for company.

This also reframes how we approach our spiritual habits. Reading Scripture is not merely acquiring biblical information — it is meeting the person the pages point to. Prayer is not ticking off a list of requests — it is spending time with the one who said, 'Ask anything in my name and I will do it.' Worship is not engaging with a melody — it is encountering the person the songs are about.

Reflection Question

In your current spiritual life, are you more focused on following a map — doing the right things in the right order — or on genuinely walking with Jesus? What would a shift towards the latter look like for you?

From Sunday's Sermon

"Christianity isn't receiving directions. It's travelling with a person. Jesus says, 'Walk with me.' You know, when we open our Bibles, we're not looking to just read words on a page. We're looking to walk with the person who the page points to."

Today's Application

Today, deliberately reorient your spiritual practices away from duty and towards encounter. When you read your Bible this morning or evening, begin with a simple prayer: 'Jesus, I am not here just to gather information. I want to meet you in these words. Speak to me.' Then read slowly, attentively, and notice what stirs in you.

If you pray today, resist the urge to work through a list before you have simply been present with Jesus. Spend the first two or three minutes of your prayer time in silence, acknowledging that you are in his company. Then bring your requests — but hold them loosely, as a person speaking to someone they trust rather than a customer placing an order.

Also, consider a decision or uncertainty you are currently carrying. Rather than agonising over which choice is the 'right' one, practise surrendering the need to know the full map. Write a short prayer that says, in your own words, 'Jesus, I trust you with this. Walk with me through it.' The goal is not to eliminate wisdom and discernment — it is to locate those things in relationship with Jesus rather than in anxious self-reliance.

Morning Prayer

Lord Jesus, I confess that I often want a map more than I want you. I want to know the route in advance, to feel in control, to have the plan laid out clearly. Forgive me for the ways I have reduced my faith to information-gathering rather than relationship. Today, I choose to walk with you. Teach me the unforced rhythms of grace. Help me to open my Bible not just to read, but to meet you. Help me to pray not just to petition, but to be present with you. I want to keep company with you, Jesus. Walk with me today. Amen.

Evening Devotion

Keeping Company With Jesus

Evening Reflection

As Thursday evening settles around you, consider the quality of your company with Jesus today. Not the quantity of spiritual activities completed, but the quality of your awareness of his presence. Were there moments when you sensed him near — in a word of Scripture that landed with unexpected weight, in a quiet prompting during a conversation, in a peace that held you when the day grew difficult?

The sermon offers a wonderfully freeing thought about decision-making and the fear of getting things wrong: 'You can make 101 wrong decisions. He's still with you. He still wants you to walk with him.' This is not a licence for carelessness. It is a declaration of the relentless faithfulness of the one who calls himself the way. He does not abandon us when we misread the signs. He does not withdraw when we take a wrong turn. He is still there, still walking, still the way.

The early church was called 'the way' before they were called Christians. That name was not about a set of beliefs held privately — it was about a visible, communal orientation towards Jesus. Their whole life was shaped by walking with him. That is the invitation for you, too: not a private religion, but a lived, daily companionship with the person who is the way.

Evening Reflection

How did your awareness of Jesus's presence shape the way you approached your day today? Where do you want to grow in that awareness?

Evening Prayer

Jesus, thank you for walking with me today — even in the moments I forgot you were there. Thank you that you do not jump when I make wrong decisions. You are still with me. As I rest tonight, keep company with me. I am yours. Amen.

Friday - Do Whatever He Tells You

Morning Devotion

Today's Verse

His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' (John 2:5 NIV)

Devotional Thought

We come to the final day of this week's devotional, and it is fitting that we end not with a grand theological statement but with a simple, personal, and profoundly practical word: do whatever he tells you. These are the words of Mary at the wedding in Cana — words spoken with the quiet authority of someone who knew Jesus intimately, who trusted him completely, and who had learned that his instructions, however unexpected, were always worth following.

This week, we have traced the contours of what it means that Jesus is the way. We have seen that he is the only way — not exclusive, but precise, the one door that opens to the Father. We have seen that the way is narrow, and that the narrow road leads to Zoë life — the divine, indestructible life of God himself. We have seen that Jesus is not a map but a companion, inviting us not to receive directions but to walk with a person. And now, as the week draws to its close, the invitation distills to its simplest and most demanding form: do whatever he tells you.

This is the posture of discipleship. Not the disciple who has all the answers. Not the disciple who has mapped out the entire journey. But the disciple who has learned to listen, to trust, and to obey — even when the instruction seems strange, even when the road is not what they expected, even when they cannot see what Jesus is doing.

Mary's instruction to the servants at Cana is remarkable in its simplicity. She does not explain Jesus's plan. She does not promise them it will make sense. She simply says: do whatever he tells you. And the result is the first of Jesus's signs — water transformed into wine, abundance where there had been lack, joy restored where celebration had faltered.

This is the fruit of walking with the way. Not because we have followed the right map, but because we have trusted the right person. As you carry this week's truth into the days and weeks ahead, let Mary's words be your compass: do whatever he tells you. Walk with the way. Trust the guide. Follow the person.

Reflection Question

Is there something Jesus has been telling you this week — through Scripture, through prayer, through the quiet prompting of his Spirit — that you have not yet acted upon? What would it look like to do whatever he tells you?

From Sunday's Sermon

"Do whatever he tells you to do. Take that into this week. Do whatever he tells you to do and follow his way."

Today's Application

As you end this week, take time to review what Jesus has been saying to you across these five days. Look back over any notes, journal entries, or reflections you have made. What themes have emerged? What has he been consistently nudging you towards?

Identify one specific act of obedience that you can carry out today or this weekend in response to what you have heard. It might be a conversation you need to have, a habit you need to begin or break, a person you need to reach out to, a step of faith you have been hesitating over. Make it concrete and make it today.

Also, commit to one ongoing practice that will help you continue walking with Jesus beyond this week. This might be a daily five-minute prayer of surrender, a commitment to read one chapter of John's Gospel each day for the next month, or a weekly conversation with a trusted friend about where you are sensing Jesus leading you. The way is not a one-week experience. It is a lifelong companionship. Begin that companionship with fresh intentionality today, and carry Mary's words with you: do whatever he tells you.

Morning Prayer

Lord Jesus, as this week draws to a close, I am grateful. Grateful that you are not a distant deity issuing instructions from afar, but the way — present, personal, and faithful. I have heard you speaking this week. Give me the courage and the trust to do whatever you tell me. Help me to carry the truth that you are the only way, the narrow way, the living way — not as a doctrine to defend, but as a person to walk with. I want to be someone who is known by my orientation towards you. Walk with me into the days ahead. I trust you. You are the way. Amen.

Evening Devotion

The Way Is a Person — and He Is With You

Evening Reflection

As this week ends and the evening quietens around you, let the whole journey of these five days settle into your heart. You began on Monday with the simple, staggering truth that Jesus is the answer — not that he has an answer, but that he is the answer. You have sat with the exclusivity of that claim and found it to be not arrogance but grace. You have walked the narrow road and caught a glimpse of the Zoë life that awaits those who follow it. You have been invited away from maps and into companionship. And today, you have heard the simplest and most demanding call of all: do whatever he tells you.

The early church was called 'the way.' Not the people who had the right answers. Not the people who followed the right rules. The people who walked with the person who is the way. That is your identity. That is your calling.

Jesus said to his anxious disciples, 'You know the way to where I am going.' They had spent three and a half years walking with the way and had not fully realised it. But they were learning. And so are you. Every day you choose to walk with Jesus — to open his word, to pray, to trust, to obey — you are learning the unforced rhythms of grace. You are becoming, more and more, a person of the way.

Rest well tonight. The way is with you.

Evening Reflection

As you look back over this week, what is the one truth about Jesus as the way that has most taken root in your heart? How will you carry it forward?

Evening Prayer

Jesus, you are the way. Not a way — the way. Thank you for this week, for every moment of clarity and every moment of honest struggle. I rest tonight in the knowledge that you are with me — that I have not been navigating alone. Lead me into next week. I will walk with you. Amen.