

# I AM

Part Six: *the way, truth, and life*

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This spring, we are examining the seven “I AM” declarations from John’s Gospel to get a better understanding of Jesus and how the Great I AM perfectly meets our needs. Today, we are going to look at John Chapter Fourteen where Jesus claimed, *“I AM the way, the truth, and the life.”*

- **John Chapter Thirteen ends with the disciples confused and concerned. John 13:31-35**

Jesus’ announcement of His soon departure troubled the disciples and caused them to question among themselves... When is Jesus going to leave us? Where is He going? Why can’t we go with Him?

- **John Chapter Fourteen begins with Jesus commanding His disciples to not be troubled. John 14:1**

Christ ordered His men to stop allowing fear to stir up their hearts and minds. Then, Jesus told His disciples to keep trusting God, and to keep trusting Him – the Son of God. In short, Jesus told His guys to quench their fears with faith in God!

- **After He commanded His disciples to stop being troubled, Jesus calmed their troubled hearts with some wonderful promises.**

Every human being in history has broken some promises. Every human being except for Jesus. Jesus must keep all His promises because God cannot lie (Titus 1:2).

- **1<sup>st</sup> – Jesus promised there is plenty of room in His Father’s house for His followers. John 14:1-2**

Jesus refers to Heaven as His Father’s home, and He promises His followers that there is more than enough room for them in His Father’s home. Why? Because Christ is adding onto His Father’s house so all His adopted brothers and sisters can live with Him for eternity!

- **2<sup>nd</sup> – Jesus promised to take His followers to Heaven. John 14:3**

Jesus’ promise to return to earth and take His followers to Heaven will be fulfilled in an event that is commonly referred to as the rapture of the church (1 Corinthians 15:51–53; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18).

- **3<sup>rd</sup> – Jesus promised His followers that they know the way to Heaven. John 14:4-6**

Jesus had taught His disciples how to get to His Father’s house, but like many people today, the disciples did not fully understand the way to Heaven. So, Jesus cleared up the disciples’ confusion with an I AM declaration.

- **Jesus declared, *“I AM the way, the truth, and the life.”***

The way to spend eternity with God in Heaven is not through practicing some religion, or religious acts. The way to spend eternity with God in Heaven is through His Son Jesus! Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:3–6

Jesus alone is the way to God because He alone is the truth about God, and He alone possesses the life of God! Earlier in John’s Gospel, Jesus told the Pharisees, *“You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life”* (John 5:39–40). Later, Jesus told the same men, *“Unless you believe that I AM who I claim to be, you will die in your sins”* (John 8:24).