

Be Reformed – Open the bible: study, dig and ask what the main point of the passage is

Be Charismatic – Expect the Holy Spirit: ask God to speak, minister, build up and lead us to maturity

Be Community – Love God's people: share vulnerably, apply, pray and build each other up

Be Missional – Win the world: apply lessons to outreach, make content accessible to non-Christians

John 14:1-6

1 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Also read:

Psalm 13:1-6
John 11:25-26
John 10:10
Hebrews 4:15
John 20:24-29
Jeremiah 29:13
1 Peter 3:15

Study Guide 24 Oct 2010 – How Can I Know God?



Summary

The Apostle Thomas was a doubter. He needed proof to believe. He wanted Jesus to define the way to know God. Jesus' answer: "I am the **Way**, the **Truth** and the **Life**. No one comes to God except through me."

Jesus claims that He is the only way to know God. Other religions claim that their way is the only way, or that there are many ways to know God. Only one of these conflicting claims can be true. Christianity is either a pack of utter lies, or the absolute truth. It behooves us to investigate and decide which it is.

Jesus was and is God. The claims He makes are too outrageous. C. S. Lewis says that based on what He claims Jesus is either a lunatic, Satan or God.

If we believe that Jesus is God, He gives us meaningful life on earth and for eternity. Those who deny life after death have no true hope. Those who work to earn God's approval always fail.

A Christian's deeds are never enough to earn a place at God's side. Only a perfect person could pay our debt to God, and only God is perfect. Jesus died to pay for our sins and, being God, rose to life again. Now that the price has been paid, we must examine the evidence and decide if we will have accept or reject the gift of Jesus – God Himself, the source of life.

Key points

Jesus says that He is the only way to know God.

Explanation

>>Is there life after death? What implications does this have on how we live?
>>What is sin?
>>How is Christianity fundamentally different from other religions?
>>What would make someone claim that He was the only way to God?
>>How can we know if Jesus is God?
>>Is God satisfied with our personal strivings to appease Him?

Application

>>Examine the claims and evidence of Jesus. What questions come to your mind? Speak to someone who can answer authoritatively about Jesus.
>>When you have decided whether those claims are true or false, make sure that you live according to your convictions.

Final thoughts

Examine the proofs and claims of Jesus Christ and decide for yourself if He is a lunatic, Satan or God Himself.