

Jesus as the way,
the truth and the life

Believing, knowing
and asking

John 14:1-14

- 1 Let not your heart be troubled. **You believe in God**, believe also in Me.
- 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, so that where I am, you may be also.
- 4 And **where I go you know**, and **the way you know**.

- 1 Que votre cœur ne se trouble point. Croyez en Dieu, et croyez en moi.
- 2 Il y a plusieurs demeures dans la maison de mon Père. Si cela n'était pas, je vous l'aurais dit. Je vais vous préparer une place.
- 3 Et, lorsque je m'en serai allé, et que je vous aurai préparé une place, je reviendrai, et je vous prendrai avec moi, afin que là où je suis vous y soyez aussi.
- 4 Vous savez où je vais, et vous en savez le chemin.

- 5 Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You go, and how can we know the way?
- 6 Jesus said to him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but by Me.
- 7 If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. And from now on you know Him and have seen Him.
- 8 Philip said to Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.

- 5 Thomas lui dit: Seigneur, nous ne savons où tu vas; comment pouvons-nous en savoir le chemin?
- 6 Jésus lui dit: Je suis le chemin, la vérité, et la vie. Nul ne vient au Père que par moi.
- 7 Si vous me connaissiez, vous connaîtriez aussi mon Père. Et dès maintenant vous le connaissez, et vous l'avez vu.
- 8 Philippe lui dit: Seigneur, montre-nous le Père, et cela nous suffit.

- 9 Jesus said to him, **Have I been with you such a long time and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father. And how do you say, Show us the Father?**
- 10 **Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in Me? The Words that I speak to you I do not speak of Myself, but the Father who dwells in Me, He does the works.**
- 11 **Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the very works themselves.**

- 9 Jésus lui dit: Il y a si longtemps que je suis avec vous, et tu ne m'as pas connu, Philippe! Celui qui m'a vu a vu le Père; comment dis-tu: Montre-nous le Père?
- 10 Ne crois-tu pas que je suis dans le Père, et que le Père est en moi? Les paroles que je vous dis, je ne les dis pas de moi-même; et le Père qui demeure en moi, c'est lui qui fait les œuvres.
- 11 Croyez-moi, je suis dans le Père, et le Père est en moi; croyez du moins à cause de ces œuvres.

- 12 Truly, truly, I say to you, He who believes on Me, the works that I do he shall do also, and greater works than these he shall do, because I go to My Father.
- 13 And whatever **you may ask in My name**, that I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- 14 **If you ask anything in My name**, I will do it.

- 12 En vérité, en vérité, je vous le dis, celui qui croit en moi fera aussi les œuvres que je fais, et il en fera de plus grandes, parce que je m'en vais au Père;
- 13 et tout ce que vous demanderez en mon nom, je le ferai, afin que le Père soit glorifié dans le Fils.
- 14 Si vous demandez quelque chose en mon nom, je le ferai.

You believe You know

- Let not your heart be troubled. **You believe in God**, believe also in Me
- The disciples were troubled because Jesus had told them that He was going away, and that they could not follow Him (John 13:36)
- They were troubled because Jesus had told Peter that He would deny Him (13:38) three times
- They were troubled because Jesus had said that one of them would betray Him (13:21)
- To comfort them, Jesus affirmed, **You believe in God**

Doubts, fears, anxieties

- Many times, we have doubts. Do I really believe in God?
- Do I really know God?
- I have failed so many times.
- So many times, I have denied God
- Do I still believe in Him?
- What if my belief is not genuine, sincere?
- Or, how can I know for sure that I believe?

I believe

- You believe in God. Believe also in Me (Jesus)
- Yes, I believe in God.
- I recognize God
- I acknowledge God
- I also need to believe in Jesus
- On the one hand, we believe in God
- On the other hand, we need to believe in Jesus

We know

- And where I go you know, and the way you know
- Why does Jesus say that the disciples knew where He was going, and that they knew the way?
- According to Thomas, they did not know!
- Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You go, and how can we know the way?
- Interestingly, Jesus said they knew, but Thomas said they didn't

Who is Jesus?

- On the one hand, Jesus says, If we had known Him (Jesus), we would have known the Father.
- That means that we do not know
- Then how can Jesus say that from now on, we have known the Father, and that we have seen the Father?
- And **from now on you know Him and have seen Him**
- According to Philip, the disciples had not yet seen the Father

Who is Jesus?

5 Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You go, and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus said to him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but by Me

First the way

- First, there needs to be a way, a course, a path, a direction
- This is what characterizes every believer
- I see something, I realize something
- I may not be so clear
- I am not sure if I believe 100%
- I have doubts, uncertainties, fears
- But I see the way before me
- I start to walk on this way as I believe in Jesus Christ
- Who is Jesus Christ?
- I am not clear, but I am attracted
- So Jesus tells us that we know the way

Second, the truth, the reality

- As I walk in this way, I am brought into truth, reality
- Many things become real in my experience
- Jesus becomes real in my experience
- Many times, we like to learn many more things about the Bible before walking in the way
- We want to be clear, assured
- Yet the assurance or the reality comes as we walk in the way
- As we come to Jesus, not sure who He is, and begin to touch Him, to pray to Him, as we read His word, who He is becomes real to us
- We begin to become an abode, a place where Jesus can dwell, abide in us, speak to us, reveal Himself to us

Third, the life

- Life is the element, the substance of the way realized in our experience
- As I walk in the way, the divine life, the life of God becomes my substance, supporting me in my walk and my experience
- The life comes to us as we walk on the way, as we take Christ as our way, to uphold and sustain
- Many times, we like to put life first
- First, let me have more life.
- Then I will be more enthusiastic for the Lord
- Then I will have more time for the Lord
- Often, we like to use the divine life for our own means, even for our spiritual advancement
- Yet God's way is that as we walk in the way, the divine things become real to us in our experience, and are substantiated by the divine life
- We begin to know the Lord as life, in life
- We begin to know which things cause death, and which things give life

Such a believing walk leads to asking in Jesus' name

And whatever **you may ask in My name**, that I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If you ask anything in My name, I will do it

- To ask in Jesus' name is to pray what is on Jesus' heart
- To pray for the church, to pray for the salvation of our friends, to pray for brothers and sisters, one by one

The way	The truth, the reality	The life
Believing	Knowing	Asking in the name
<p>Our believing causes us to begin to walk on the way</p> <p>We may not be that clear, we may have doubts and uncertainties, but our life is now within a frame or a course</p>	<p>Christ begins to become real</p> <p>The Bible begins to become real</p> <p>The things I touch in the Bible begin to change me, even to change my life</p>	<p>Out of a walk on the way and my experience of Christ as my reality, I am brought into an asking, a prayer for people, for brothers and sisters, for the church</p>
<p>The way begins to be defined by God's word, the Bible</p> <p>The way opens us to the brothers and sisters in the church life, the meetings,</p>	<p>Not only am I walking in the way generally, but now I begin to see the reason for my existence, why I read the Bible, why I pray, why I am with the saints</p>	<p>This is prayer in Jesus' name, supported or upheld by the divine life</p> <p>We become an abode for the Lord, who has the freedom to pray in our prayer</p>