

ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL, KAMPALA

6th February 2018 MORNING GLORY

Prayer: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight O Lord my rock and redeemer (Ps. 19:14)

Welcome & appreciation.

- Provost and pastoral team
- Parents from the long holiday.

Theme: JESUS THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE (John 14:6-7)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my father as well. From now on you do know him and have seen Him"

INTRODUCTION

Jesus spoke these words on the last night before His betrayal and death.

- He was preparing His disciples for the days ahead.
- For over three years, these men had been following Jesus and learning from his teaching and example.
- They had placed their hopes in yet they still did not understand how he was going to accomplish that deliverance.
- After the last supper, Jesus began speaking about His departure, which led to questions from His disciples.
- In John 13:33, Jesus said; "My Children I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now. Where I am going, you cannot come."
- This statement prompted Peter to ask where He was going. John 13:36 "Simon Peter asked Him," Lord where are you going?
- Peter and the other disciples did not understand that Jesus was speaking of His death and ascension to heaven.
- Jesus' response was, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later" John 13:36.
- Peter was still misunderstanding and declared that he would follow Jesus anywhere and even lay down his life for Him if necessary "I will lay down my life for you."
- Then Jesus said, "You know the way to the place where I am going" verse 4
- Speaking for the other disciples Thomas said they did not know where He was going, so how could they know how to follow Him there.
John 14:5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"
- It was in answer to this question that Jesus uttered these words.

I AM

In Greek language, "I am" is a very intense way of referring to oneself – "I myself, and only I am"

- In the Gospels we find Jesus using these words i.e Matthew 22:33 "I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."
- Jesus quoted God's word of Exodus 3:6
- In John 8:58 Jesus said, "Truly, truly I say unto you before Abraham was, I am."
- The Jews clearly understood they took up stones to stone Him for committing blasphemy in equating Himself with God.
- In Matthew 28:20, as Jesus gave the Great Commission, He gave it emphasis by saying, "I am with you always, to the end of the age."
- When the soldiers came seeking Jesus in the garden the night before His crucifixion, He told them, "I am He." and His words were so powerful that soldiers fell to the ground (John 18:4-6)
- These words reflect the very name of God in Hebrew YAHWEH
- It is the name of power and authority, and Jesus claimed it as His own.

THE WAY

- A way is a path or a route that leads a person to a desired destination.
- The disciples had expressed their confusion about where He was going and how they could follow.
- As He had told them from the beginning, Jesus was again telling them and us "follow me"
- Jesus not only shows people the way to heaven; He is Himself the way.
- He is the way, because He is the means by which we enter heaven.
- He is the only way to God. In a few words, the human quest for the God of the Bible ends in Jesus Christ.
- Other religions may lead to a god, but not every religion leads to the God of the bible.
- Jesus is not saying your religion is not a way to find a god. He is saying, if you want the God of the Bible, the God that Jesus pointed to, then you have to understand you only come to Him by me.
- There is no other path to heaven, no other way to the Father.

In Acts 4:12. Peter emphasized this same truth years later the rulers in Jerusalem saying about Jesus "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

- The exclusive nature of the only path to salvation is expressed in the words "I am the way."
"Without the way there is no going"

THE TRUTH

- In this worth truth, Jesus emphasized Himself as "the only truth."
- Jesus does not only teach the truth; He is himself the truth.
- He is totally trustworthy.
- His Gospel is true.
- When we believe the truth of Jesus, when we accept His teaching, we receive salvation. We are set free from ignorance and Sin.
John 8:31, 32 "if you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."

THE LIFE

- Jesus not only gives life, He is Himself life.
- John 1:4 in Him was life.
- God created life through Christ. He created not only physical life, but also Spiritual, eternal life.
- 1 John 5:11, God has given us eternal life and this life is in his son.
- John 10:10, "I have come that they might have life, and have it to the full."
- John 11:25, "I am the resurrection and the life."
- John 14:6, "I am the way the truth and the life."
- John 14:7. How is Jesus the way? Verse 7 elaborates.
 - o If you know Jesus, then you know the Father.
 - o If you believe in Jesus, then you believe in the Father.
 - o If you have a relationship with Jesus, then you have a relationship with the Father.
- I am the way, the truth and the life. That is what Jesus says.
- Without the way, there is no going.
- Without the truth, there is no knowing.
- Without the life, there is no living.