
Sermon Text Discussion Notes 05/10/2020

John 14:1-6 – “I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life” by Drew Hunter

Overview

This message is the fifth in our series on reintroducing Jesus through the seven “I am” statements he made in the gospel of John. We are in this series because our understanding of Jesus gets cloudy. Over time, we can start replacing the real Jesus in our minds with a less-true version of him. So, we often need to be reintroduced to the real Jesus.

This message examines Jesus’ claim from John 14:6 in the following way:

His Claim

- He is the way
- He is the truth
- He is the life

Its Significance

- I. It’s Comforting
- II. It’s Personal
- III. It’s Comprehensive
- IV. It’s Exclusive-Inclusive

Quotations

“The East looks for the way (the tao), the West looks for the truth (the veritas), and everyone always looks for the real life. And in Jesus, we find all three.” -*Frederick Bruner*

“People need to know about Jesus. They will not be restored to the Father any other way. Jesus does not say, ‘Your good works being seen and appreciated are the way to the Father.’ Our good works adorn the message, but the message needs to be shared. Jesus himself has to be known; he is the way.” -*Drew Hunter*

Understanding & Application

- 1) The theme of this sermon series is “Reintroducing Jesus”. What are some things you have learned or been reminded of through our study of Jesus’ “I am” statements?
- 2) Why did Jesus say, “Let not your hearts be troubled” in verse 1 (go back and read John 13:36-38)? Is this response surprising to you, given what you just read? What does this tell you about Jesus and how he views and cares for us, even in the midst of our sin?
- 3) What does Jesus tell his disciples to do in verse 1 to not be troubled? How can this simple instruction help us when we are fearful?
- 4) In verse 3, Jesus comforts his disciples by letting them know he is not only going to prepare a place for them, but that the essence of that place will be communing with him. With what you know and are learning about Christ, how does that give you comfort?
- 5) Read the quotations above. How does the reminder that salvation is exclusive because it is relational and personal motivate you to share the truths of the Gospel with others? How might the current environment open more doors for sharing this truth with those who need to hear it?