The Only Way!

John 14:1-14

Jeremiah 29:13 "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

- I. The Way!
- A. What did Jesus mean by this phrase?
 - 1. He meant the way _____ to God!
 - 2. He meant the way **to** _____.
 - 3. He meant the way _____ in God's will.
- B. A troubled world: Pain and sorrow have been part of ______ that was inflicted upon our world ever since mankind rebelled against God back in the garden.
- C. The great hope of all believers is that one day we will pass through the shadow of death and enter into a place that the Bible calls ______.

Luke 23:43 "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

2 Corinthians 12:2-4 Paul said, "I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the **third heaven**. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—was caught up to **paradise**. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell."

Hebrews 11:16 "Instead, they (the OT believers) were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared **a city** for them."

- D. This world is not the _____ of believers—_____ is. By the way, this word **paradise** means "a walled _____" or "an enclosed _____."
- E. Heaven is going to be a _____ place where believers will live with God forever.

Revelation 21:3-4 "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be **no more** death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 22:3 "No longer will there be any curse."

II. The question: How can you **know** that Jesus is the only way? Three **proofs**:

- A. You will come to know that Jesus is the only way when you come _____ _____ Him. Verses 6-10
 - 1. What does it really mean to be a Christian? The key is found in this word _____!
 - 2. Three levels of knowing:
 - a. The lowest level is simply knowing a _____!
 - b. The next level is to understand the _____ behind the fact!

Warren Wiersbe—"However, you can know the fact, and know the truth behind it, and still be lost in your sins."

- c. The third level of knowing involves a ______, "to know' means "to ______ in a person and become **related** to him."
- How do you come to know Jesus? Romans 10:17 states, "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ." That is how you get to know anyone—you _____ with them.
- B. You will come to know that Jesus is the only way when you begin ______ Him! Verses 11-12
 - Jesus is challenging us to _____ in Him. To **believe** means to _____. It means to _____ your life to Him. The moment you believe is when this ______ begins with God.
 - 2. The 2nd key to knowing Jesus is the only way is ______.

John 7:17 "If anyone chooses to do God's will (that is, obey Him), he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own."

3. Faith precedes ______.

Anselm of Canterbury—"I do not seek to understand so that I might believe, but I believe so that I might understand."

4. Obedience is the ______ of faith and it leads to understanding.

- C. You will come to know that Jesus is the only way when you begin _____ to Him. Verses 13-14
 - **1.** Prayer is one of the keys to _____ God.
 - 2. You get to know someone when you spend time _____ to them.
 - **3.** To pray in the name of Jesus is to pray according to His _____.
 - As we spend time in the Word of God, we come to understand God's will, and then, we know ______.
 - **5.** If we truly pray according to His will, then we _____ what we pray for.
 - 6. As we see God answer our prayers, then we begin to understand that His Word is _____, and that His way is _____ ____.