

Skegness Community Church - Weekly Bible Study 2025
52 passages of Scripture that every believer should know

Week 29 - JESUS THE ONLY WAY

John 14:6

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

This is the most exclusive statement to ever come from the lips of our Lord. He emphatically declared that He is the one and only way to eternal life, the door through which we all must enter. Without Him there is no “way,” there is no ultimate “truth,” and there is no real eternal “life.” And as if that declaration were not enough, Jesus went on to say that there is no way to get to the Father unless we come through Him. Despite what Jesus said, for many people the question arises today: Is Jesus Christ really the only way, or is He simply one of many ways to life eternal? There is nothing wrong in asking questions, the Lord was always asking questions. In fact the Gospels record more than one hundred questions of His. One day at Caesarea Philippi, for instance, Jesus got to the heart of His exclusive claim by asking His followers two very pertinent and penetrating questions.

THE QUESTION OF PUBLIC CONSENSUS

Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” (Matthew 16:13). This is the question of public consensus. In other words, what does the polling data indicate? Many people refrain from leading and decision making until they get the pulse of what people want, not necessarily what they need. The disciples had just come from several days in Galilee where huge crowds had thronged to see and hear the lord Jesus. They had been immersed in the Galilean crowds. They had their own polling data. So Jesus inquired about the consensus of the people. Who did they think He really was? Many today never seem to be able to get out of this verse. They simply live in a world that is much more interested in what men say than in what God says. When our Lord asked this question, He was probing, seeking to open their eyes. The answers flew back in rapid succession: “some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets” (Matthew 16:14). Unfortunately, things haven’t changed much. We still live in a world that seems more interested in what men say about Jesus than in what God says.

THE QUESTION OF PERSONAL CONVICTION

Then the Lord got up close and personal. He asked another question: “Who do you say I am?” (Matthew 16:15). Do you see it? This is the question of personal conviction: “What about you”. This is the question with eternal ramifications. It is the question that each and every one of us must face. Is Jesus who He said He was - the way, the truth, the life? Is He the only way to the Father and to eternal life? God bless Simon Peter! We are often quick to stand in condemnation of his quick temper and often boastful comments. Not to mention his own fateful denial the night the Lord needed him most. But here, in this scene, Peter was inspired by the Spirit and, without hesitation, made his great confession: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16). What motivated Simon Peter, who made this confession, to later die his own martyr’s death by crucifixion upside down? Peter gave his life because he insisted that Christ is the only way to eternal life. The very nature of truth is narrow. Mathematical truth is narrow: two plus two always equals four, not three or five. That is pretty narrow. Scientific truth is narrow: water freezes at 32 degrees Fahrenheit, not 34 or 35 degrees. So why should we be surprised that theological truth is narrow? It is the nature of all truth. Jesus is the only way to the Father’s house. Indeed, He - and He alone - is “the way, the truth, and the life.” And no one comes to the Father’s house unless they come through Jesus!

As you memorise this verse, meditate on how Christ is the way ... How He is the truth ... And how He is the life. Don’t find yourself being more interested in what men say than in what God says. He is still asking today, “Who do you say that I am?”