
The Way of Jesus (Our Calling)

Witnessing Jesus

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Subject: Witnessing Jesus: The Way of Jesus (Our Calling)

Matthew 28:19 (AV)¹⁹ **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

Previous Series (Witnessing to the Culture): Silence, Go, Teach, Baptize, Life, and Strong Man

Current Series (Witnessing Jesus) Messages:

- **Interrogating the Witness** (People, Self, God)

Lesson Text

John 14:1–6 (AV)¹ **Let not your heart be troubled: ye 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 unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.** ⁴ **And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.** ⁵ Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? ⁶ Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

- Matthew 20:16 (AV)¹⁶ **So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.**
- 1 Peter 2:9 (AV)⁹ But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
- Proverbs 16:25 (AV)²⁵ There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

Introduction

How many of you know people who confess salvation, but don't come to church?

How many of you yourself have at time become frustrated with church and church people?

There are questions and answers we will deal with in our next series, "Witnessing The Church". But first we must deal with who the Church is witnessing about, that being Jesus.

The world has lost faith in the us, the church, because we've broken faith with them; which makes it difficult to witness to them about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Last week's messages: **Interrogating the Witness:**

- Interrogating the Witness of People (Who do men say that I am?)
- Interrogating the Witness of Self (Who do you say that I am?)
- Interrogating the Witness of God (Who does God say that you are?)

Today we want to lean to Witness Jesus based on what he witnessed to us; and that being the way to God the Father.

Hebrews 11:6 (AV)⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Faith is required to get to God, but Faith is the Word, and the Word teaches us is that the way to God is through Jesus. And Jesus says that this way has 3 dimensional.

In mathematics you need three dimensions to find a point in space: where it is on the x-axis, where it is on the y-axis, and where it is on the z-axis; Latitude, Longitude, and Altitude!

In our lesson text, Jesus gives us the three dimensions to finding God

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1. **THE WAY** (Our Spiritual Latitude – Calling)
2. **THE TRUTH** (Our Spiritual Longitude – Deliverance)
3. **And THE LIFE** (Our Spiritual Altitude – Destiny)

The way. Christ is the only **way** to heaven (10:9). The **truth.** Christ is the embodiment of all truth (8:32). **Life** (1:4; 3:16). No man can approach the Father unless he does so through Christ....

He's not telling us the way, **He is the Way**; He's not telling us the truth, **He is Truth**; He's not just alive, but **He is Life**;

Today we want to focus on witnessing the first dimension, The Way, the Spiritual Latitude.

When Jesus says I am the way, it is a calling to all who don't know the way.

People want to know their purpose, meaning, and destiny; but it all starts with their calling!

Series and Subject: Witnessing Jesus: The Way of Jesus (Our Calling)

Called from Many to Chosen, from Darkness to Light, and from Death to Life

I. Called from Many to Chosen

Matthew 20: ¹⁶ **So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.**

Most people can't find God because they are looking where everyone else is, the crowd. Why? Because in our human psyche, we've been indoctrinated to believe that "might makes right".

It must be right because everybody is doing it, look at all the money, look at all the people.

We've been shaped by people, formed by people, and so we conform to people.

But people are not the way to God, Jesus is!

Matthew 7:13–14 (AV)¹³ **Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴ Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**

So how do we find something so difficult? We don't, it finds us.

John 15:16 (AV)¹⁶ **Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.**

Jesus looked for those that were last, broken, poor, captive, blind, and bruised and chose them.

Matthew 20: ¹⁶ **So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.**

II. Called from Darkness to Light

1 Peter 2:9 (AV)⁹ But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Now that we have been called and chosen, we must come out!

Another reason people can't find God is because he doesn't exist where they live; darkness.

John 1:5 (AV)⁵ And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

The problem is not that God can't come to darkness, it's just that whenever light shows up, darkness always runs. And those that want to be in darkness, goes with it.

And whenever someone has been in darkness for a long time, they become conditioned to it.

Darkness keeps us in ignorance, in fear, and in pain from unseen mistakes and attacks.

But God has not given us the spirit of fear; he called us, chose us, made us royal, peculiar, and holy. He then told us to come out of the darkness and into his marvelous light.

2 Corinthians 6: ⁴ Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

The Light gives us power and protection

Psalms 27:1-3 (AV)¹ The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ² When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. ³ Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will* I *be* confident.

Psalms 23:4 (AV)⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Isaiah 54:17 (AV)¹⁷ No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

III. Called from Death to Life

Proverbs 16:25 (AV)²⁵ There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

When Jesus said he was the Way, he was Calling us to God:

- He Called us from Many to Chosen; Many are called, but few are chosen
- He Called us from Darkness to Light: Out of Darkness into His marvelous light
- Finally, He Called us from Death to Life

Too many are following the way that seems right; it's the way of the many, it's the way that's broad. The way that looks good to you, the way that looks like money and wealth, the broad way.

But this way is the way of destruction, it's the way of thief that comes to steal, kill, and destroy. It's the way that steals your hope, kills your dreams, and destroys your faith

John 10:10 (AV)¹⁰ **The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.**

Jesus came to give us the choice of Life

Deuteronomy 30:15 (AV)¹⁵ See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

Deuteronomy 30:19 (AV)¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Psalms 23:5–6 (AV)⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.