

February 12, 2023 John 14:1-14 "The Way"

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John 14

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Separation Anxiety: Attachment Disorder

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Comfort Hinges on Belief

Belief Hinges on Who Jesus Is

Jesus Hinges on Who The Father Is

John 17:5, 20-21
And now, Father, glorify
me in your own presence
with the glory that I had
with you before the
world existed.



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House

Room "mansiones"

Place

The time between Jesus' ascension and his return

The ending has already been written



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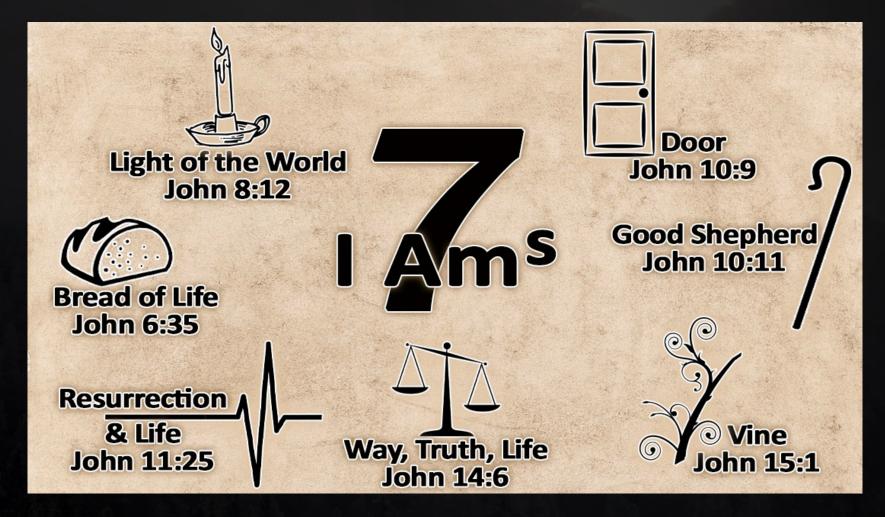
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Place = State of Being

Not Geography but Intimacy Not out there, but in here.



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I Am the Life

John 10:10
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

We come truly alive when we are intertwined with Jesus

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"In My Name"

Signet Ring Authority "within"

That the Father will be glorified (and He gets to decide what glorifies Him)



Comfort in Purpose

You have MORE power than you could imagine YOU have less power than you think

Matthew 28

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



Receive and Respond

Thomas a Kempis (15th century)

MY CHILD, the more you depart from yourself, the more you will be able to enter into Me. As the giving up of exterior things brings interior peace, so the forsaking of self unites you to God. I will have you learn perfect surrender to My will, without contradiction or complaint.

Follow Me. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Without the Way, there is no going. Without the Truth, there is no knowing. Without the Life, there is no living.



I am the Way which you must follow, the Truth which you must believe, the Life for which you must hope.

I am the inviolable Way, the infallible Truth, the unending Life.

I am the Way that is straight, the supreme Truth, the Life that is true, the blessed, the uncreated Life.

If you abide in My Way you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free, and you shall attain life everlasting.

