

Jesus - The Way of Holiness

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John 14:6; Isaiah 35

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John 14:1-6

- look at audience - disciples and 'doubting' Thomas
- not 'a way', but 'the way' as in one of the many ways...
- 'Believe in God, believe also in me' – Scripture shows God provides the way:
 - Promise to Adam - Gen 3:15; Abraham - Gen 12:2-3; David - 2 Sam 7:16
 - Jesus now telling us He is God's provision to be "the Way"
 - Peter later declared Act 4:12 - Jesus the only Way

What is meant by Jesus: "I am the Way"?

- Since the Fall, man's quest has been to get back to God
- Bible is the story of God's provision of "the Way" back to Him
- Isaiah 35 – God's prophet warning & encouraging God's people
- Isaiah 35:8 Septuagint : John 14:6 – same Greek word hodos
- Isaiah 35 – How God will provide redemption by the Way of Holiness
- To people who need hope: Isaiah 35:1-2
- Reminding them of God's provision for salvation: Isaiah 35:4, 8
- Written to God's covenant people: Isaiah 35:10; Psalms 42:2
- Roads in Isaiah's day were not common : "Royal Road" of Persian Empire - 1500 miles of road from Susa to Sardis in Asia Minor – made the Persians great and powerful. This is the imagery
- How to follow "the Way": Jn 1:10-13; Jn 3:27-28, 36

Observations on "The Way of Holiness"

It is for those who are righteous in God's sight

- Isaiah 35:8 – God provided Jesus as our Way of Holiness- 2 Cor 5:21
- We can't be holy, but by faith we are counted as Holy in Christ!

The Way of Holiness is a place of safety

- Isaiah 35:9-10 – Way reserved for the redeemed of the Lord
- Christ redeemed His own: Jn 6:37-40
- No matter what beast you may face, rest in the Way knowing you are secure in Christ because He secured your salvation by His Holiness

The Way of Holiness is a place of joy

- Isaiah 35:10 – the redeemed follow the Way with singing, everlasting joy!
- Never forget what saves you – not your works but God's provision of Christ – look to His holiness and FOLLOW His Way - John 10:27-28

DISCUSS, THINK & APPLY:

- Read Jn 14:1-6. Discuss the atmosphere, people, what they were thinking.
- What is the difference between "a way" and "The Way"?
- Take each observation on "the Way of Holiness" and discuss what it means to you and how God's Word strengthens you.

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