

The Miracle of Immanuel: God's Truth and Wisdom

In John 14:6, Jesus makes one of the most profound and exclusive claims in all of Scripture: *I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.* These words, spoken to His disciples just before His crucifixion, reveal not only profound truth about Jesus but our lives as well. What does this have to do with Christmas? Everything. The baby in the manger grows up to make such claims about himself.

From Jesus, I find the wisdom and truth that I need to get me through life and safely into eternity. Here's what I learn...

1. I learn that Jesus is the _____ to the Father.

- 1) I need to think clearly about _____ exclusive statement.

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
—John 14:6

There are many paths to what you call God; there couldn't possibly be just one way!
—Oprah Winfrey

- 2) I need to think clearly about the _____ exclusive teachings.

- Note what _____ says.

13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. (Matthew 7:13,14)

- Note what _____ says.

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

- Note what _____ says.

For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5)

There is only one God, and Christ Jesus is the only one who can bring us to God. Jesus was truly human, and he gave himself to rescue all of us. (1 Timothy 2:5, CEV)

2. I learn that Jesus is the _____ about life.

- 1) Spiritual truth is _____.

- Keep an open mind about spiritual truth being knowable.

- 2) Spiritual truth is _____.

39 You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life. (John 5:39,40)

- It is one thing to know " _____ " truth.
- It is another thing to know " _____ " truth.
 - It _____ me. (That's what Jesus says.)

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

- It _____ me. (That's what Jesus says.)

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31,32)

- It _____ me. (That's what Jesus says.)

Use the truth to make them holy. Your word is truth. (John 17:17, NIRV)

In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2:3, NLT)

3. I learn that Jesus is the _____ of life.

- 1) It is Jesus who gives me _____ life now.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

67 "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:67,68)

- 2) It is Jesus who gives me _____ life forever.

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25,26)

12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. (1 John 5:12,13)

I have accepted Jesus—his teaching and truth—to be the GPS for my life. I know that with him, I will find the way to the Father, the truth about life, and life itself—the best life now and the guarantee of eternity. So, I will put my trust in him and let him guide me all along the way.