

Sometimes in life (like when applying for a job), what counts is not **what you know**, but **who you know**. The same thing is true when it comes to knowing the truth about God. In contrast to the founder of every other major religion, Jesus Christ did not just *lead* the way, *teach* the truth, or *give* life. He claimed he **IS** the way, the truth and the life. Even more boldly, he claimed that there is no other way to God. The ultimate answer is not a philosophy, but a person. Jesus is someone we cannot afford to ignore. How will you respond to him?

Pray

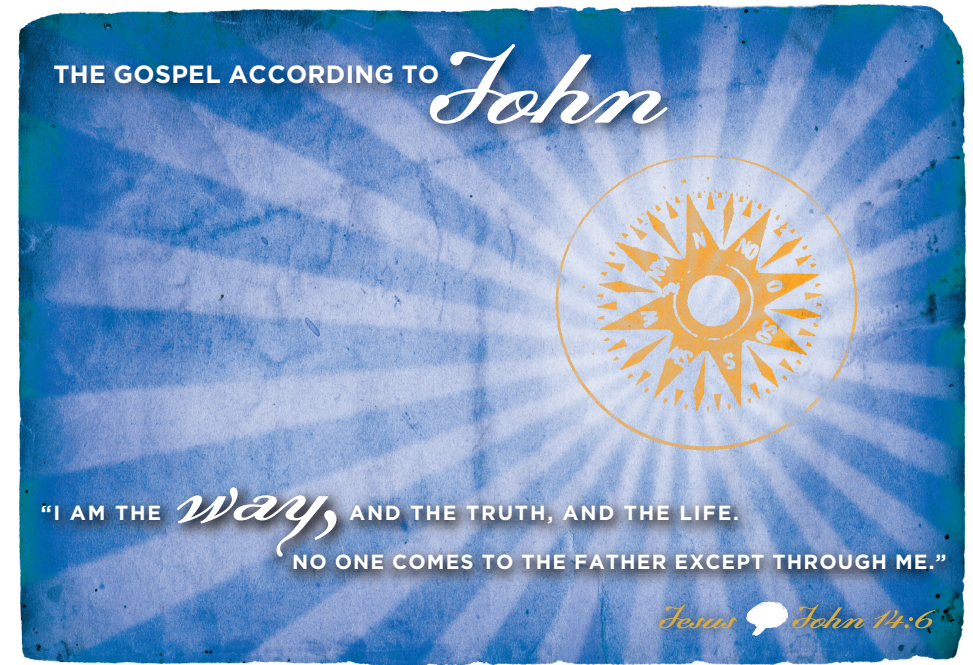
In response to what we have learned from John 14, what can you pray to God:

- Thankyou...
- Please...

Coming up at FOCUS...

Fri 29 April 6pm FOCUS meeting, back in LTB 3.21.

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Icebreaker

Discuss: How is "opinion" different from "truth"?
Does the subject of religion and God belong in the category of opinion or truth?

This semester in FOCUS we have been reading the Gospel according to John. The author, John, was a friend and eyewitness of Jesus. John's Gospel contains many deep symbols and metaphors, taken from everyday life and from the Old Testament. Jesus has been revealing his identity through his own "I am" statements and actions.

Jesus' public ministry and teaching was now coming to an end. This is now the last night of Jesus' life, before he is killed on the cross. Jesus is speaking his final words to his closest followers, preparing them for the future.

Read John 14

According to Jesus, where is he going and what is he going to do?

What did he mean by that? How does Jesus prepare a place for his followers?

How did Jesus answer Thomas' question?
What claims did Jesus make about himself?

v6

v7

Why might some people object to these claims?

How does Jesus answer Philip's question (**v8**)?

How does Jesus reveal God to us?

What do we learn from this chapter about:

- Jesus' relationship with God the Father?

- the Holy Spirit?

- what it means to be a follower of Jesus?

How will you respond?

Jesus claims that he is the only way to God.

What alternative ways do people think they can get to heaven?

How do Jesus' words affect

- your own relationship with God?

- the way you talk to other people about Jesus?

- the way we relate to people of different religions?

- university values such as "tolerance", "diversity" and "inclusivity"?

