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“And Jesus Said...”

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

📖 **SCRIPTURE:** JOHN 14:1-6

key theme: Jesus Christ came to give us the abundant life and if we don't know that there is more to life than what we are experiencing here on earth, we will never know that Christ is the way to this life.

- 1) **Jesus taught that the ultimate destination of life was more than just an abundance of possessions or an accumulation of stuff. Many people never find the road that leads to the TRUE life. [Matt 7:13]**
- 2) **Jesus is the fulfillment of the abundant life, which has relevance both for this life and the life to come.**
 - a. While the enemy comes to steal, to kill and to destroy, Jesus came so that we can have life, and that more abundantly.
 - b. The Greek word zoe, represents life to its absolute fullness, real and genuine life, an active and vigorous life devoted to God, a life that is blessed, both in the portion of time in this world and after the resurrection to eternal living.
 - c. The abundant life is an eternal **“relationship”**; a great **“joy”**; a **“blessedness”**; an **“assurance”** of entering the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and a **“peace”** that surpasses understanding.
- 3) **Not only is Jesus trustworthy, but by His nature, Jesus is the total essence of what is truth.**
 - a. When Jesus says that He is truth, he implies that there is such a thing as truth and falsehood. We must distinguish between the two.
 - b. For example, by the nature of truth, some driving directions are better than others and when you have to cross the Atlantic Ocean, all driving directions ultimately fail because they can't accomplish the goal. Likewise, some directions of how to get to the abundant life ultimately fail because they can't accomplish the goal.
 - c. We know that Jesus is trustworthy and is the total essence of truth by examining his character and nature.
- 4) **Jesus is the only one who can get us to the destination of the abundant life (zoe) because He is the only way to the heavenly Father.**
 - a. When Jesus says that he is the WAY, He indicates that He will direct us from wherever we are at in life to the zoe + abundant life. We can trust that the way that God directs us will actually get us to the destination of an abundant life.

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