

to trade with you. He will tramp all the weary miles back again and postpone his trading for days, weeks, months, because he cannot trade unless that fetish is with him.

Now we smile at him. But now when Jesus meets that man, he does not destroy that belief, but he fulfills it.

Christ comes to him and says you're perfectly right, in your underlying conscience that you cannot be fortunate in business, in home, in marriage, in pleasure, unless you have dealings with the thing that is more than you are, the supernatural. (You must have God with you.) So you see Jesus takes the black hand of the fetish, the little piece of leather, the stick and casts it aside and puts his nailed pierced hand there and says, Lo, I am with you all the days, and never do business without God.

Before we mock the Africa who will not trade without his fetish, we need to learn that to do business without God is heathen, far more than this man. Christ comes to us in such an hour and he will fulfill the truth that he will be with us.

Now this was the manifestation of God in Christ that Philip was concerned about. Philip says now you say you and the Father are one, show us the Father, I'm interested. Let God be with me and with us and Jesus

## QUESTIONING JESUS

### Introduction

Peter said, whether goest thou? John 13:36.

Thomas said, we know not whether goest, how can we know the way? John 14:5.

Philip said, we would like to see the father. John 14:8

(I'm glad) they asked these questions. If they had not asked such questions, we would not have had the glorious 14th chapter of John. For Jesus was explaining to Peter about his whereabouts as to where was going. And it seems that Jesus here has a series of questions put to him.

Even these close friends of his did (not seem to understand fully and recognize all the things) that were happening, even though they had walked along with him, they had followed him but the shadows were gathering and Jesus was teaching them clearly about all of these things.

Jesus was saying to them that he was the way. Now this being true Philip interrupted him and said what is the Father like? In other words what is the heavenly Father? You've been talking about the heavenly Father what is he like. He had heard this over and over again

that Jesus had spoken of God as my father. And that he should repeat this to this group of disciples, such a wonderful thing is certainly important.

Philip was (thinking about the days) that had gone by.

How the elders of God had ascended the mountain and saw God.

He remembered how the prophet declared that in the year that King Aziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne high and lifted up and his train filled the temple.

He had remembered how that (Ezekiel) had declared that when he was by the river Chebar he had seen God in fire and wheels and majesty and glory.

It was to that request based upon a vision of Christ's relationship to the Father that Philip remembered that in olden days somehow that these men had had an opportunity to see the Father. Now the answer of Jesus comes and he drops into the common speech of a friend to friend as he looks back into the face of Philip. He seems to say to him, have I been so long time with you and dost thou not know me Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father. This is real simplicity. They were more familiar with him than we could even imagine. He that hath seen me hath seen the Father. He declared his claim of identity

with God. Truly this meant a great deal to Philip and it meant a great deal to the individual for this is his great knowledge for a man to have.

What (conception of God) did men have before Christ came?

Now we could take and go back into the Hebrew days into the Old Testament and we could see there how gradually through the midst, the revelation of God was made a little clearer. We see that the moral life of Abraham was a pure life than in the times of the Kings. And we wonder and marvel at such a situation.

We are told that in (Africa) today you find men who speak of superstitions. They only have a form of religion a sort of fetish worship. In other words some charm or little piece of stick, a little piece of leather, something like that they feel has supernatural power. And he does not ~~think~~ think it is possible for him to be fortunate in business, in pleasure, in home, in marriage, unless he is accompanied by his fetish. That is a low form of religion. We smile at that.

In Africa if you are about to trade with one of these men, after he has driven a cart, or his gattle hundreds of miles, and discovered that he has through some folly not brought his fetish with him, you cannot persuade him

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redemption .

In the 4th place, the last scene is the one in our text. Show us the Father and it will satisfy us.

Gathering up all the things of the past, Christ looked into Philip's face and replied, you've been with me a long time, you watch me feed the multitudes, you visualize that I was the embodiment of the law of righteousness, you helped to bring the Greeks to me at a strange hour. Now Philip he had seen all of these things, they were there to be seen by the work of God, and Philip saw it.

Then Philip saw the meaning of these things he had seen and he had never seen them before in that light. Then he understood that Jesus was actually the Father and that he was God. And this manifestation certainly wins our hearts and demands surrender of our will. And it, Phillip here certainly had a manifestation to his heart, of God. And may God reveal the same thing to us until the point we'll say my Lord and my God this does satisfy my heart and my longing.

Now we move on to the other question that was asked here and Thomas was interested in the way. Thomas wanted to know what way to go. Philip had been interested in getting out a vision, a picture, of God the Father. Peter

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said to him, you have seen enough of me Philip if you have really seen me to have found what you are asking for, a vision of God.

There is no other interpretation of Christ's answer question possible. Show the Father and it will satisfy us, was Philip's request and Jesus said, you've known me, you've seen me, he surely meant that Philip had seen enough of him to have found the Father in his life time.

Now before we go on with these questions, as Jesus emphasized that he was the way, he's telling Philip that I'm the way if you've seen me then you've seen the Father. Now it's interesting and I think we would not be too far off the beaten path if we stop for a moment and discovered the four times that Philip met with Christ here in the book of John.

First, Philip was the first man, Jesus called to follow him. I do not say that he was the first man to follow Jesus, but there were only two who preceded Philip going after Christ in consequences of the teaching of John. Philip did not go to inquire. It is distinctly stated in the first chapter of John's gospel that Jesus found him and said, (Follow me). Now that was the first man to whom Christ used that great formula of calling men,

which has become precious to all of us. Follow me.

What happened? Philip findeth Nathanel and sayeth unto him, we have found him of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write. Now that was the first thing that Philip has seen in Christ according to his own confession. One who embodied all the ideals of Moses and the prophets when he said, we have found him of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write. He did not refer to any particular word of Moses the word he uses covers the whole New Testament teachings. It was the cry of the soul inviting another soul, it was the cry of a soul who had been convicted, here and had been blessed.

Second, in the 6th chapter of John when the multitudes were gathered about Christ and were hungry, Jesus singled off Philip and said to him, whence are we to buy bread that these may eat? Not John is very careful to state here that Jesus did not ask that question because he needed advice for he himself knew what he would do. He asked it to ~~test~~ (prove) Philip.

Philip answered, 200 pennies worth of bread is not sufficient that every one may take a little. Now that is the background.

What happened next? Philip who considered it impossible to feed the hungry multitude is next seen with the other disciples seating them, getting them ready to be fed. Then he watches this Jesus take the loaves and fishes of the bread and break them. Then with the other disciples he carries the food to rank after rank until the multitude has been fed.

So that Philip had now seen someone who is in a mysterious way had resources enough to satisfy human hunger. This is not all. Philip then listened to Jesus' discourse where he said I am the bread of life, and that I cannot only satisfy material but spiritual hunger.

So he had seen Jesus as fulfilling law, now he had seen Jesus as being able to satisfy an individual.

Third, in the 12th chapter of John, we see Philip next, the Greeks come to him and said, Sir, we would see Jesus.) Philip found his way with Andrew to Jesus and asked him to see the Greeks. Mark the relation with the Father, there was perfect harmony between them, no conflict, no controversy at all because Jesus said, If I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men to myself and that was Philip's third vision of Jesus. It was a vision of one acting in perfect accord with God that he might accomplish

covered and he's going to wipe out your iniquity and you're bought with a price. and death will be put away. That's what the earthly life brings.

In the fourth place, he is the way from time to eternity. We can hear, you've heard the old clock in the old fashioned home on the mantle piece, you can hear that old clock tick, and hear it just tick away. And then it strikes off the hours and as it strikes them off it says, well it'll soon be day.

Fifth the way from sin's loneliness of earth's walk to heaven's comfort.

You see this way, rests upon a substantial foundation it rests upon the incarnation, ~~of~~ Jesus came in Bethlehem, born of a virgin. It rests upon a substantial foundation in that Jesus went through all the temptations and was tempted as we are tempted. In that foundation is the atonement because Jesus tasted death for us. There is also the resurrection where he was sealed in a tomb and he was later seen among the living. And today he makes intercession for us.

What kind of a way is Jesus? What kind of a way is he? He told Thomas, I am the Way. He says you know

had been interested in knowing how to get to the Father's house. And now Thomas is also interested in that way. He's been talking about a place of heavenly mansions and now Thomas questions him and says how are we going to get there. And Jesus said, I am the way.

We know that later on the disciples were sometimes called the followers of the way. That is the way of Jesus. You remember ~~the~~ Paul persecuted those of the way. What was the crime of Jesus? He healed the sick, the blind, he exposed evil. And Paul is armed to kill those of the way. He hates them, he has a letter in his pocket and soon Paul is to be a follower of the way. And soon he's to be a man who is ready to lay down his life for the people he had hated.

This is (zero) hour. This is a time of suffering, of pain, of tears, and comfort needs to come. In other words, Jesus is about to go away. And he is with them now, but soon he is to be on the cross, and here he says I am the way.

(Why is it imperative) that we know the way? Jesus is about to go away, and Thomas if vitaly interested, he feels that it is a great necessity that he should know the way.

I think Jesus says to Thomas, you know more than you think you know. I am the way. You see religion is of a person and this light has a function, and it has quality.

In Christ is the way, the only way the beginning and the end of the way.

If you have Jesus, you have everything. You are a Christian if you are in Jesus. If you are not in Jesus you are not a Christian. Now Paul said, if any man be in Christ, all things are become new, in Romans. And he went on to say in one glorious chapter that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

You see, the Christian life is a journey. It's a highway travel, its a way, its a (narrow) way. But the way that leads to destruction is broad. And that's why it's imperative that we know the way and that's why Peter asked the question, Lord whether are you going? And that's the reason why Philip say, Show us the Father, and that's the reason why Thomas said, How can we know the way?

What is the terminal of the way? What is the end of this journey? Whence are we to reach an end a climax to this journey, where are we going on this journey?

First of all, Jesus is the way from man to God. Man

is mortal, limited. And God is immortal. God is unlimited.

This world is apt to say, where is he? He is the way for fallen man out of sin. How far is it to righteousness? It is through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Second, Jesus is the way from earthly abode to heavenly mansions. He is talking here about earthly tabernacles made of clay, death. He speaks of dust. And he says we're going to put this aside and enter into the heavenly. He says that we're going to put these tabernacles, lay them aside vacate them and take on that of the heavenly.

Third, it's the way from sin to God's righteousness.

We know that when Peter came into the Lord's presence O he said, Depart from me Lord I'm a wicked man.

When Moses came at the burning bush, you remember he was instructed to do what? To take off his shoes for he was standing in the presence of God, on holy ground.

Isaiah stood in the temple and when he got that vision of God, how did he feel? He felt as a man unclean. Unclean lips and an unclean life.

And one day you stood in the presence of the Father and you felt sinful, but Jesus said someday you're going to stand in the presence of God faultless. Your sins

Men everywhere. He loves me and that one died to express his love for men all over the world. And he died for others.

This is life for all men everywhere because the death of Jesus Christ was for all men. The tensions that divide tonight, there is only one way and that is Jesus, and he is the way for all of us.

Fourth, he is the way now. Some of us will soon be finished, some of us will soon pass on the way and gather with others who have gone before us to that great and glorious land which Jesus told us about in John 14. And he will soon call us. But Jesus is the way now, the way today, for you to follow.

Fifth, he is the way for all times. That is to say, we need Jesus. Some people think we need a new this or a new that or a new the other. There are those who believe that because we live in the 20th century that we need a new gospel. That the church needs to be changed in this way or that. No, we need only Jesus.

Jesus was the way for the 1st century Christian. Jesus is the way for the 20th century. This is a scene that distresses us and disturbs us today. And there are homes that are desperately afraid. Men are being called out again to muster for war. But underneath all of these

the way.

First Jesus is a plain way. And the prophet said there is a way that seemeth right and the

This way is in reach of every life. Except we become as a little child. You know we turn it around and we say except we become adults, we cannot come into the kingdom. We should seek the Lord while he may be found. He is a Saviour of a man like me to preach and like you.

In the second place he is the only way. Now Jesus is not the way of men's formulas. Jesus is not the way of institutions, organizations. For there is none other name than his that is given under heaven whereby men can be saved. This is the only name, this is the only way.

Third, he is the constraining way. Jesus is the only ~~of~~ compulsion. If they will not do it for Jesus, they will not do it for anybody. If a man will not come to Christ, to the church and give his life to the Lord Jesus Christ's sake then he will not do it at all.

What would you do if God called on you to pay as a martyr? As in the centuries past?

When testing times come Jesus says, don't be afraid. They died gloriously and became the seed of the churches

of today.

Christ is in us, constrains us to brotherly love to serve to win, to deny, to yield all, to win all. There is the story that happened in the Northern Baptist Convention in the Midwest some years ago. 200 Christian Indians attended that convention. AT this Convention with these 200 Christian Indians, there was a colorful picture, Mr. Tyson a missionary among the Indians spoke. "I was once his enemy for I was Custer's campaign in Wyoming and fought you to the death." He said to the Indians. He was describing a bloody battle when a large aged Indian slowly rose lifted his hand and was recognized by the chair. Mr. president he said in words, "I was in that battle and we fought like demons to stop the pale faces. A thrill like an electric shock brought the audience to the edges of their seats. He continued. I was Mr. Tyson's bitter enemy but now I am happy to say I hear him preach the gospel and we are brothers in the Jesus way.

Hence with excitement the President said, I want you to come to the platform and shake hands with your old time enemy, now your Christian brother.

With seemingly embarrassed the broad shouldered brown faced old chief made his way down the aisle and up

the steps to the platform. As the two men approached each other, tears were in their eyes. They did not stop to shake hands, they could not speak, but they fell into each other's arms and sobbed joyfully.

As they stood in that embrace, the audience rose as one man and spontaneously began to sing, bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love?

So in our day, even in the face of a pending war and strife between nations and classes and prejudices, we must proclaim that Jesus is the way, the only way, for the hope of mankind in this day in which we live. He is the constrained way. It is his love that constrains us, and will enable us to come. He said a new commandment I give unto you that you love one another even as I love you.

We need to emphasize this that our love is called out by his. We love because he first loved us. The love of Jesus what it is. None but his loved ones know. That love was revealed supremely on Calvary. Once seen the love of God as it was revealed by Christ on the cross how can we refuse it? He died for you.

4<sup>th</sup>ird, Jesus is the way for all. He is God's word.

fears there is a real thing as men enter service again. We see that here is Jesus, he is the way for all times.

What are you going to do with the world? We seem to be hemmed in, we seem to be shut off. We seem to be surrounded now by enemies all around this nation of ours. Jesus is the way out. Jesus is the way through. Jesus said I am the way.

What other ways have you tried? Surely there have been ways that individuals have tried and have failed. But here is a way in which you will find peace in your heart. He made this and you can take him home with you and he will answer the problems. And if you will let him be your way then you need not fear. Why try any other way? Why not try Jesus the only Way. John 14:6.

Jesus is the living way. Hebrews 10:19-20 And Jesus is the way to salvation John 1:9 And also John 10:9

Isaiah said, in chapter 30 verse 21, "this is the way, walk ye in it."

There is only one thing that blocks this way, and that is sin. Gen. 3:23. The conditions of entrance into this way. Eph. 3:12.

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WHAT IS THE TERMINAL OF THE WAY?

I. Jesus - Way from Man to God: Mortal - immortal  
limited - unlimited.

II. " - Earthly Abode to Heavenly Mansions:  
Clay, dust, tabernacle outside.

III. " - sin to God's Righteousness:

- Peter - spant, winded
- Moses - Bush - Shoes off.
- Isaiah - Temple - incham.
- one day you steal promise of God felt sinful -
- " " " stand " " " faultless.

IV. " - Time to Eternity:

man the clock - old house, Tiel - strikes of house -  
Night listen say soon day -

V. " - loneliness of earth's walk: Heaven.

What kind of A Way is Jesus?

1. Plain - in Reach of Every life, child + we say  
Become or adult.

2. Only Way - Man's formulas, institutions, org.

3. CONSTRaining - If man will not attend chek for Jesus  
Then he will not do it. if not live right for Jesus - what if  
God wanted you be martyr -

Western Bay Convention - Tyson - lecturer, Wyoming, trough  
to death - Bloody Battle - old chief - slaves here - kills demons  
to stop pale faces + Prithu my - Low prush - Jesus Way -  
Platform - arms - Shy be  
Today ending war - strife -

4. Narrow - Not get in with sin -  
Apollon situated in knowing the Way more fully - Act 2:18:25

Questioning Jesus John 19:5-9

what - late - White 13:36 - Thomas - Know Not V.6  
Philip - father v.8 -

Blad - Not understand all things fully - Interrupted -

Thinking of Days

Isiah - Saw lord in Temple . Isaiah - R. Debar - White, Pie.  
Opportunity See the father .

Your Conception of God? Before It Came .

Africa - Fetich - stick leather + Business, blouse, home, marriage.  
cattle to market, not trade . - Must have god with you .  
Right had god in -

Philip - 4 Times

1. "Follow me" - 1:43 Blind Words - P. went after  
Nathanael "cry of the soul writing another soul".
2. Finding Multitude - 6: And Philip had ful - 200 per  
rove - leaves, Fishes = Satisfy human hunger =
3. Arrests - 12: "Sir, we would see Jesus."
4. father - 14:8 . vision, Picture of god .

Thomas - interested in the Way . Heavenly Mansions

Disciples: Called them of the Way - Real persecuted,  
letter, late - soon say down life for .

Why Imperative Thomas Know the Way?

Zero hour - cross - You know more than think you do -

title

5. Way for ALL - Men everywhere -  
Scholar - Nicodemus - Govt. Employees - Matt -  
Adulter - Woman Well -

6. Way Now - Time soon pass -

7. Way (for All Time) - People say What's wrong ch - need  
new Gospel - 1st Century, 20th We Need every years -  
men meeting for war -

8. Living Way - (Heb. 10:19-20)

What other ways have you tried?  
Tried but failed - Not dis - Place -

The Way to Jesus only Blocked By Sin!  
Way of sin - junk -

Isaiah 30:21 "This is the way, walk ye in it"