



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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What Jesus had just told them in ch 13:

- 13:10-11 “you are clean, but not all of you”
- 13:21 “one of you will betray Me”
- 13:33,36 “I am with you a little while longer
....where I am going, you cannot come
....where I go you cannot follow Me now”
- 13:38 “a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times.”

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“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.”

- “believe” could be translated either indicative (a statement of fact) or imperative (command).

“You believe in God; therefore, believe in Me as well.”

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John 14:2 “My Father’s House

“dwelling places” (KJV “mansions”)

= a place to stay, an abode

Greek: MONE

also used in v.23 “we will...make our abode with him”

→ it is a REAL place!

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I Thes 4:16-17

“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.”

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Acts 1:11

“...This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

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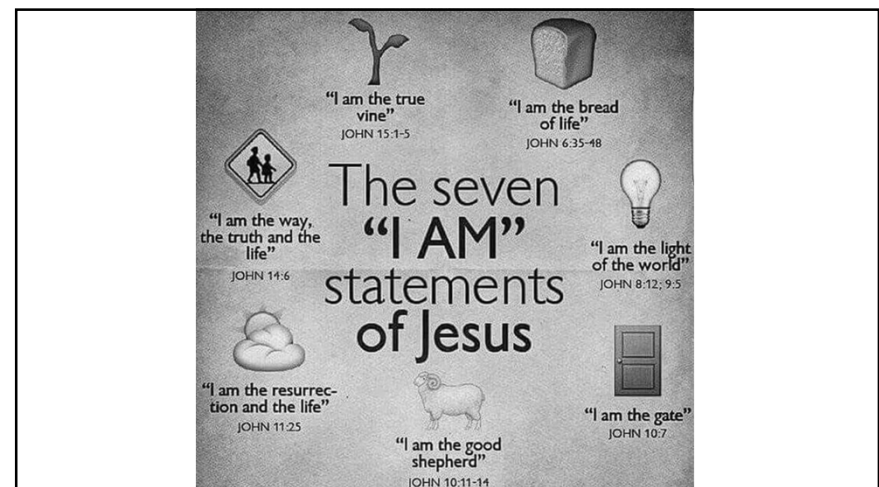
John 14:6

“...I AM the way, and the truth, and the life....”

→ not just “A way” but THE only way:
“no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

→ He is not a path to the truth, but THE truth itself; not a path to eternal life, but He is THE life.

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John 14:12

14:12 believers will do greater works???

“works” = ERGON = deeds, occupation

→ greater in scope, quantity, time.

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Believers are the Lord's Ambassadors!

II Cor 5:19-20

“...God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself...and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

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I Corinthians 15:5-8 Post-resurrection appearances of Jesus:

“...He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now...then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all...He appeared to me [Paul] also.”

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In 14:26 “He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”

John 2:19-22 “...Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up....He was speaking of the temple of His body. So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scriptures and the word which Jesus had spoken.”

John 12:16 “These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him....”

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“the vine”= used to represent Israel in OT:

Ps 80:8 “You removed a vine from Egypt;
You drove out the nations and planted it.”

Jer 2:21 “...I planted you a choice vine, a
completely faithful seed. How then have
you turned yourself before Me into the
degenerate shoots of a foreign vine?”

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Isaiah 5:1-7 a vineyard representing Israel:

“... My well-beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill. He dug it all around, removed its stones, and planted it with the choicest vine....Then He expected it to produce good grapes, but it produced only worthless ones....(v.7) For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel and the men of Judah His delightful plant. Thus, He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold a cry of distress.”

Jesus quotes this parable from Isaiah in Mt 21:33-45.

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Two types of branches = two results

1. Branch that bears fruit → positive result:
pruned to bear more fruit
2. Branch that does not bear fruit →
negative result: taken away and burned

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John 15:1-6

“...the antithetical parallelism of **the first part of each statement** (‘every branch in me that bears no fruit’ / ‘every branch in me that does bear fruit’) **is matched by corresponding divine action**, be it judgment (negative) or discipline (positive). In the case of Jesus’ followers, **Judas was an example of the former, Peter of the latter.**”

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- John 15:3 “You are already clean....”
→ He was speaking to just the 11 disciples; Judas had left.
- John 13:11 “...He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, ‘Not all of you are clean.’”
→ said earlier with Judas present

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John 15:5,7 Describes the true believer:

- he abides in the Lord, and the Lord abides in him
- he bears much fruit
- he does nothing apart from the Lord (the Lord guides his life)
- the Lord’s words abide in him (he meditates on God’s Word)
- his prayers are answered

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John 15:14-15 He calls us “friends”

- Psalm 25:14 “The secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him, And He will make them know His covenant.”
- Amplified: “The secret [of the wise counsel] of the LORD is for those who fear Him, And He will let them know His covenant and reveal to them [through His word] its [deep, inner] meaning.”

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I Peter 4:12-14

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you...as though some strange things were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing.... If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.”

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