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"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And where I am going you know, and the Way you know.' But Thomas said unto Him, 'Lord, we do not know where You are going; how can we know the way?' Jesus said unto him, '**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man comes to the Father, except through Me**. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now onward you know Him, and have seen Him.'" (John 14:1-6)

Truth: from the Greek word *alátheia* which means: truth; properly - true to fact, reality; but not merely truth as spoken; but also *truth of idea*, reality, sincerity, truth in the moral sphere, divine truth revealed to man, straightforwardness. What is true in any matter under consideration as opposed to what is feigned, fictitious, false, or illusion. In reference to religious faith, the word 'truth' denotes what is true in things pertaining to God, His Word, and Christ Jesus Himself.

Jesus is the Truth! Everything said in the Bible by the inspiration of God, about Jesus, concerning life, salvation, and the Father is True. Every thing Jesus said concerning Himself is True! Everything that Jesus said about life, salvation, and the Father is True. His 'Way' is the 'Truth' that leads to everlasting 'Life' with the Father in Christ Jesus! Just as God's Word is True, so also Jesus Himself is True! Also this title of Jesus implies and requires an intimate oneness between the Father and His Son Jesus! It is as Jesus Himself said, 'If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now onward you know Him, and have seen Him.!!'

Consider the following truths about Jesus:

"And **the Word was** made flesh, and dwelt among us; and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father, **full of Grace and Truth**. John bore witness of Him, and cried-out, saying, 'This was He of whom I spoke, 'He who comes after me is preferred-before me,' for He existed first-before me.' And of His fulness we we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, **but Grace and Truth came through Jesus Christ**. No man has seen God at any time; the Only Begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, **He has shown the Way**. (to the Father) (John 1:14-18)

In context: Only Jesus reveals the Father to us. Thus only Jesus is the only Way, and the only Truth, and the only Life; and no person can come to the Father, except through Jesus!

"I can of My own self do nothing; as I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of the Father who has sent Me. If I (alone) bear witness of Myself, My witness is not (lawfully) true. But there is another who bears witness of Me; and I know that the witness which he witnesses of Me is true. You sent unto John (the Baptist - God's prophet...), **and he bore witness unto the Truth (speaking of Jesus)**; but I do not receive testimony from man (alone). But I say these things so that you might be saved. He (John the Baptist) was a burning and a shining light: and you were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. **But I have a greater witness than that of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish, these same works that I do, these bear witness of Me**, that the Father has sent Me. **And the Father Himself, who has sent Me, has borne witness of Me**." (John 5:30-37)

In context: Besides Himself, Jesus has three additional witnesses that testify that He is the Way, and **the Truth**, and the Life!

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1. John the Baptist, (God's chosen prophet, and forerunner of God's promised Messiah Jesus), bore witness of Jesus when he said the following:

"I am not the Christ" (John 1:20)

"I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, '*Make straight the **Way of the Lord***', as Isaiah the prophet said ." (John:1-23) (Isaiah 40:3)

"I baptize with water, but there stands One among you, whom you do not know; **He it is**, who coming after me **is preferred before me**, whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." (John 1:26-27)

"The next day John saw Jesus coming unto him, and said, "**Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world.** This is **He of** whom I said, 'After me comes a **Man who is preferred before me**; for He existed before me.' And I did not recognize Him; but so that He should be made manifest to Israel, therefore I have come baptizing in water.' And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him. And I did not recognize Him; but **He (God)** sent me to baptize with water, **the Same said** unto me, 'Upon Whom you shall see the Spirit descending, and remaining **on Him, the Same is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I saw, and bear witness that This is the Son of God.**' " (John 1:29-34)

2. **The works which** the Father gave to Jesus to accomplish, **these same works that** Jesus did, **these works bear witness of** Jesus, that Jesus was sent by God the Father! Everything that Jesus did, His teachings, parables, healings, signs, wonders, disciple making, death, resurrection, ascension; **all these works bear witness (prove)** that Jesus is the Way, and **the Truth**, and the Life! Consider these verses:

"Jesus said unto them, 'My food is to do the will of Him (the Father) who sent Me, and to **accomplish His work.**'" (John 4:34)

"Do you not Believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself; but the Father who dwells in Me, **He does the works.** Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me, or **else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.** (John 14:10-11)

"I have glorified You on the earth: **I have accomplished the work which** You gave for Me to do. And now, O Father, may You glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world existed. I have manifested Your Name unto the men whom You gave to Me out of this world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me; and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things whatever You have given unto Me are from You. For I have given unto them the words which You gave Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came here from You, and they have believed that You did send Me." (John 17:4-8)

"After this, Jesus knowing that all **things were now accomplished**, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said, 'I thirst.' Now there was nearby a vessel full of vinegar; and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to His mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, **It is finished:** and He bowed his head, and gave up His Spirit." (John 19:28-30)

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3. **The Father Himself**, who sent Jesus, has borne witness of His Son, that Jesus is the Way, and the Truth, and the Life! Consider these verses:

"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him. And lo a voice from heaven, saying, '**This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**' " (Matthew 3:16-17)

"Now is My soul troubled; and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour.' But for this cause I have come unto this hour. 'Father, glorify Your Name.' Then there came a voice from heaven, saying, '**I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.**' The people therefore, who stood nearby, and heard it, said that it thundered; but others said An angel spoke to Him. But Jesus answered and said, 'This voice came not because of Me, but for your sakes.' " (John 12:27-30)

"And after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them up separately onto a high mountain, and was transfigured before them; and His face did shine as the sun, and His clothes were white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with Him. Then Peter answered, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. But while he was speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, '**This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear you Him.**' And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and do not be afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, except Jesus only." (Matthew 17:1-8)

"Then spoke Jesus again unto them, saying, 'I am the Light of the World; he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the **Light of Life.**' The Pharisees therefore said unto Him, 'You bear record of Yourself; Your record is not true.' Jesus answered and said unto them, 'Though I bear record of Myself, yet My record is True; for I know from where I came, and where I go; but you cannot tell from where I come, or where I go. You judge after the flesh; I judge no man. And yet if I judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I and the Father who sent Me. It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. **I am one who bear witness of Myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness of Me.**" (John 8:12-18)

"You men of Israel, hear these words; 'Jesus of Nazareth, a man **attested by God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did through Him in your midst**, as you yourselves also know; Him, being delivered by the predetermined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and put to death:" (Acts 2:22-23)

"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His Majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the Excellent Glory, 'This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.' And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with Him in the Holy Mountain." (2 Peter 1:16-18)

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Concerning Himself being **The Truth**, Jesus said the following:

"Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed on Him, 'If you continue in My word, then you are My disciples indeed; and you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free." (John 8:31-32)

If we continue to live our lives according to the words and teachings of Christ Jesus, then we will truly be His disciples; and we shall truly know Christ Jesus personally, and Christ Jesus shall make us free; free from sin! And free from the bondage of sin! And free from the eternal penalty of sin!

"And the Jews marveled, saying, How does this Man know letters (learned truth, knowledge, understanding, and wisdom), having never learned (through formal education)? Jesus answered them, and said, My teaching is not Mine, **but His (the Fathers) who sent Me**. If any man is willing do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak of Myself. He who speaks of himself seeks his own glory. But He (Jesus) who seeks His (the Fathers) glory who sent Him, the Same (Jesus) is True, and no unrighteousness is in Him." (John 7:15-18)

If we are willing to do the Father's will, then we shall know that the teachings of Christ Jesus are actually the Teachings of the Father. And we shall know that **Jesus is True!** And we shall know that there is no unrighteousness in Christ Jesus! Because Jesus IS the Way, **the Truth**, and the Life; and no person comes to the Father, except through Jesus!

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**Jesus is the 'Truth' that leads to everlasting 'Life' with the Father in Christ Jesus!!
Jesus is the Only Begotten of the Father, who is full of Grace and Truth!
The Words of Jesus are True, because His Words and Teachings tire from the Father!**

**Grace and Truth comes to us only through Jesus the Christ!
"In" Christ Jesus we know the Truth, and Jesus the Truth HAS made us free!
We have this blessed assurance - that Jesus is True,
and that there is no unrighteousness is in Him!**

**Father in Heaven, thank You for sending Your Only Begotten Son Jesus!
Father, thank You that Your Son Jesus is the Way, and the Truth, and the Life!
Thank You Father, that my access to You is through Jesus who gave Himself up for me!**

Thank You Jesus - Always and Always!, Amen and Amen!