

# Our One Message (John 14:6 - 'I Am the Way')

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*Jesus is the one way to the Father, and we must trust in His power and provision to avoid getting in the way of His work in our lives.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 7:13, John 14:6

**Topics:** "Reliance on Jesus", "The Way of Christ"

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## Description

Hans R. Waldvogel emphasizes that Jesus is the only way to the Father, urging believers to focus on this singular truth rather than getting lost in the complexities of religious practices or philosophies. He reflects on the importance of simplicity in ministry, suggesting that the message of Christ should remain constant and clear. Waldvogel encourages the congregation to recognize their need for Jesus in every aspect of life, asserting that true fulfillment comes from a personal relationship with Him. He illustrates how God transforms our imperfections into His masterpiece, highlighting the necessity of allowing Christ to work within us. Ultimately, the sermon calls for a deep reliance on Jesus as the source of life and truth.

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## Transcript

Selected Verses:

John 14:6. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Opening:

Our ministry must become monotonous to people because, like Miss Hetzel said one time, "Brother Waldvogel always says the same thing." Well, that was really a flattering remark because...

A preacher used to come here. He had been fired or laid off from his ministry, but he loved to carry his head very high and he came here and expected to preach. And he'd say to me, "Wait till you hear me preach. I make a wonderful impression. I studied elocution." And so when I didn't let him preach, he said, "I'll teach you how to preach." So he brought me his outlines.

"Well," I said, "an old goat doesn't learn any new tricks. You'd better keep your outlines. I'll stick to this one text that..." I'm so thankful that God has given us one text. Our sister mentioned that verse where we read that He made known His ways to Moses. But then later on, He says, "But My people would none of My ways."

And today, it's the same thing: wherever you go in the world, God would make know His way. And there's only one way. Jesus Christ said to His disciples, "I am the way." They wanted to know the way, and why didn't He say, "Well, you go to this seminary, or go to that Bible school, or read this book and here, all kinds--whole libraries--full of books. Help yourself! Read philosophy--study psychiatry"? He said, "You'll never get there. I am the way, and no man cometh to the Father but by Me."

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#### Selected Quotes:

God can't do anything with people that know it all--He can't. And oh, that's what's the matter with us: we know it all. How we try to tell the Lord what to do! I said the other day, I have to smile at some people's prayers. What they don't tell the Lord! And what they don't ask Him to do! They might as well say, "O God, please let the water still be wet. Amen"! That's what our prayers often amount to. But, oh, when the Holy Ghost within you prays, He prays a prayer of confidence: "I'm sure." I'm "fully persuaded," thank God! "He that hath begun a good work in me," He's on the job. And He can accomplish more in one minute--the Lord said that Himself--than I could think of in six hours. That's why I "enter into rest." That's why my prayer is silence.

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That's His opportunity. I was surprised one time when the Lord spoke to Elder Brooks. He was sick, and he thought he was sick, and he thought he was going to have a breakdown. And then he went to the Lord, and the Lord said, "Why, Elder, this is your opportunity! Find out how perfectly Himself took your infirmities!" You and I are His opportunity, from head to foot. All the hairs on your head (if you've got any left), every part of your being--spirit, soul, and body--is His opportunity.

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The bride says she saw Him through the Venetian blinds. She doesn't use that expression, but that's what she means. And then He was gone. But she said, "Oh, I won't give up." She went out on the street at midnight until she found Him. And when she had Him, she wouldn't let Him go. That's the message. You and I need not a lot of things about heaven, not a lot of things about power, not a lot of things about spirituality. We need Jesus! "Delight thyself also in the Lord."

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He is the head, and you are a member of His body. He is the fullness and you are the vessel. Oh, my Lord! You're the mold, and He is the gold. And I found out that when you have a mold like that, if there's the slightest imperfection there--"Nothing between my Lord and my soul"--the slightest, even air, it's got to be let off. And even if there's a bubble of air there, your mold is spoiled.

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#### Illustrations:

An illustration of HRW's boss in the jewelry business taking over his work. "I was to make a ring, and the more I filed and the more I soldered and the more I hammered, the more the thing looked like a cow instead of a ring. ... Not saying a word, he just shoved me off my seat. And he sat where I sat. That's what

Jesus did for me, thank God: He sat where I sat. He took my place completely. ... And then he took my 'masterpiece' in his hands, and then he picked out my files and my hammers and whatever tools [he] needed and one, two, three made such a change in my masterpiece. I saw that design coming into view." (from 3:33)

A casting illustrates "until Christ be formed in you." "It's a great big hole. Instead of purity, there's impurity. Instead of humility, there is pride. Instead of love, there's hatred. There's a hole there. And now Jesus offers me His purity, His humility, His love. He says, "Let me be you. Let me come in." (from 9:15)

An early experience of healing. "I suddenly saw that in this weak, sick body, there was health in the Holy Ghost. 'He that raised Christ from the dead' has come to dwell in this body. ... It didn't take long--a few days--until that strength had come fully. I think I've been a different person ever since. It seemed as if another Man was standing up inside of me." (from 12:08)

German at 17:09:

Ein dummes Kamel -- a silly fool. Literally, "a stupid camel."

References:

The Palace of the Soul, a hymn by W. J. Govan, quoting Tersteegen's poem Within the Holiest. See 43B for the poem text.

The Word, whose word can make me whole,

Has heard my spirit's cry

And in the palace of the soul,

He dwells!--my Lord and I!

How holy must the temple be,

Where Jesus reigns within!

His precious blood, outpoured for me,

I trust to make me clean.

And He is come! to whom the praise,

The joy of heaven, belong;

My face I veil, my hands I raise,

And "silence is my song."

And now to me the gladdest thing

Be His sweet will alone;

Content, since I am with the King,

To make His choice my own.

He makes His palace in my soul,

He brings my spirit nigh:

Within my heart, 'neath His control

I dwell,--my Lord and I!

Nothing Between, a hymn by Charles A. Tindley, 1905.

Nothing between my soul and my Savior,

Naught of this world's delusive dream;

I have renounced all sinful pleasure;

Jesus is mine, there's nothing between.

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