

“Jesus: Way to the Father”

Easter Reflection on John 14:1-12

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Thomas, that doubting disciple, once asked Jesus, “How can we know the way?”

“I am the way, the truth, and the life,” Jesus replied. “No man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

Jesus not only answered how to approach His Father. He is the Answer. Want to see God? See Me First!

Easter reminds us what we must do to see God. We must see His Son as He is if we want to see His Father. That’s how we get back to that original fellowship of God and man. The holy connection was severed when man fell in the Garden of Eden. But one we’ll see again in Heaven.

God Himself made it possible for his fearfully and wonderfully made creation — born in sin and shaped in iniquity — to know the way back to Him. One has to believe first that Jesus is the Son of God, the Anointed One, the Messiah revealed in Scripture who would reconcile the sinner to God through the death, burial and resurrection of His only begotten son, Jesus, the Christ.

Jesus is our Royal Priest who sacrificed Himself as a ransom for our sins. He substituted Himself, a sinless Savior taking on the sins of the world, because He loved us so much. He did not want us to pay the wages of sin, which is eternal death. He took our place on that old rugged cross on a hill far away.

Jesus is indeed the Waymaker. He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. He gave us a second chance at not only life – but eternal life. He came to seek and save those who were lost – and that was everybody. He not only showed us the Way; He is the Way.

That is the Easter Story. Not to just be celebrated seasonally but every day of a Christian believer’s life.