

4—The Way of Truth

4/25/24

INTRO:

I. → John 16:12-15

*“I have still many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will **lead** you in the **way** of all **truth**. For he will not speak from himself, but will only **speak** what he **hears**, and proclaim to you things to come.”*

*→ 14 “He will **glorify** me, for he will receive from what is mine and proclaim it to you. All things the Father has are mine. That is why I said that he will take from what is mine and proclaim it to you.”*

II. DESCRIBING THE LANDSCAPING OUTSIDE

BODY:

I. **Not Our Way But His**

*he will **lead** you in the **way** of all truth*

Grk (*hodegéo*) to lead the way

A. Are we going to lead ourselves or be led of the Spirit?

1) **Isaiah 30:21**

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”

2) **WHOSE VOICE?—THE LORD OR THE NEWS ANCHOR**

B. The Holy Spirit can lead us in every area of our lives.

1) **1 Corinthians 2:10-11**

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

2) **E. STANLEY JONES—THE CHRIST OF THE INDIAN ROAD**

“I am convinced that the only kind of a world worth having is a world patterned after the mind and spirit of Jesus . . . If the Holy Spirit can take over the

subconscious with our consent and cooperation, then we have almighty Power working at the basis of our lives, then we can do anything we ought to do, go anywhere we ought to go, and be anything we ought to be.”

II. Not Our Words But His

*he will not **speak** from himself, but will only **speak** what he **hears***

Grk (*laléo*) to speak

A. If the world is to be saved it is not our words they need to hear.

1) **John 12:49-50**

“For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.”

2) “You can’t be like pancakes—all exciting at first, but then by the end, you’re sick of ‘em.”—*Mitch Hedberg*

3) **FOCUSED LIKE A FIREHOSE**

B. What would the Spirit say if he was in your shoes.

1) **Mark 13:11**

“Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.”

2) **MAKING OUR CASE FOR SAM**

III. Not Our Glory But His

Grk (*doxázo*) to glorify

A. It is amazing what we can accomplish if we do not need the glory.

1) **John 7:18**

*“Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal **glory**, but he who seeks the **glory** of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him.”*

2) **GLORY—OH MY LORD**

a) 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment

b) Lay This Laurel (1973) by Lincoln Kirstein

c) Letters of Col. Robert Gould Shaw

d) Second Battle for Fort Wagner, July 18, 1863

B. In the end all of our glories will be laid at the feet of Jesus.

1) **Revelation 19:10**

And I fell before his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

2) **COREY TEN BOOM COLLECTING THE FLOWERS**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

1 Peter 1:12

It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven.

John 8:28

So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me."

John 10:27-28

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand."