Tonight as we continue with our series of messages on “The Great I AM” statements of Jesus, we’re going to go back to John 14.

You remember in last week’s message we learned that at the time Jesus made this Great “I AM” statement, He had just informed His disciples that He was about to die, and after His death, burial and resurrection, He would be returning to His heavenly Father.

Knowing they were deeply troubled by this news, Jesus comforted His disciples by telling them about the heavenly mansions.........and that He was going there to prepare a place for them........and that He would come back and get them and take them to this place.

Remember Thomas then said to Jesus, “We don't know where You are going, so how can we know the way?”

John 14:6 (NKJV) Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

(Let us pray)
In last week’s message we looked at the first part of this “threefold” I AM statement of Jesus……”I AM THE WAY.”

In tonight’s message we are going to be focusing on the second part of Jesus’ statement: “I AM THE TRUTH.”

Just before going to the cross, Jesus stood before Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea. And Pilate asked Jesus, “What is truth?” “THE TRUTH” was standing right in front of him and Pilate didn’t know it.

If you were to ask anyone today, “What is truth?” you would likely start a very interesting and perhaps very heated debate.

If you asked “What is truth?” in the typical University or College classroom, the students and professors would tell you “Truth is whatever you want it to be. There is no such thing as 'absolute truth.' Each one must determine his or her own truth.”

The subject of “truth” has been in the news a lot lately after it was discovered NBC NEWS anchor Brian Williams had not told the truth when he reported the military helicopter he was flying in when he did a report from Afghanistan had been hit by enemy fire. Further investigation has shown Williams has not been truthful in a number of reports he has done over the years.

From baseball players not telling the truth about taking performance enhancing drugs to the Government not telling us the truth about Obamacare and the attack on the U.S. Embassy in Benghazi, we all find ourselves wondering, “What is the truth?”
Jesus says, “I AM THE TRUTH”............”I AM THE TRUTH!”

Jesus is NOT one of many sources of truth, as Satan would have us to believe. He is the ONLY SOURCE of absolute truth. **I AM THE TRUTH**.

You see, TRUTH is not just a bunch of FACTS or religious PRINCIPLES to believe. **TRUTH is a PERSON; Jesus Christ is THE TRUTH!**

When we came to know THE TRUTH or came to know JESUS CHRIST it changed our lives. Jesus “set us apart” from the rest of the world that is still held hostage by false teachings and the lies of Satan.

Jesus said in John 8:32 (NKJV) “And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”

Let's take a few moments and consider what Jesus meant by this GREAT I AM statement.

First of all......

I. Jesus Reveals THE TRUTH About The NATURE of GOD

1. Look at verse 2 here in John 14. Jesus says......

   John 14:2 (NKJV) “In My Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you.”

   What Jesus is saying, is “I would not tell you this about My Father's house if it weren't true.”
2. In verse 6 when Jesus said, “No one can come to the Father except through Me” He revealed the truth that the Father Himself had established, and that is if one wants to come to God the Father, they have to come through Christ the Son.

3. Before Christ came into the world man had “limited” knowledge about the nature of GOD. In the Old Testament God revealed Himself in a number of ways: Sometimes He spoke in an “audible voice.” Sometimes He revealed His presence through FIRE or LIGHT or THUNDER. Sometimes He revealed His presence through miracles, like rolling back the Red Sea and the Jordan River.

4. But when JESUS came into the world He revealed the TRUTH about GOD in a way man had never known before.

Look at what Jesus says in the latter part of v. 9 here in John 14.

John 14:9b (NKJV) He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father.”

In Matthew 11:27 (NKJV) Jesus says, “All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

5. What this means is if you want to know the TRUTH about what GOD is like, just look at the life of JESUS.

-If you want to know THE TRUTH about the compassion of GOD just look at the compassion Jesus had upon the sick and diseased.
-If you want to know **THE TRUTH** about **the grace of GOD** just look at how Jesus dealt with the woman caught in adultery.

-If you want to know **THE TRUTH** about **the mercy of GOD** just look at how Jesus dealt with Zacchaeus, the cheating tax collector.

-If you want to know **THE TRUTH** about **the righteous anger of GOD** just look at Jesus cleansing the temple of the money changers.

-If you want to know **THE TRUTH** about **the patience of GOD** just look at how Jesus dealt with the bumbling mistakes and shortcomings of His disciples.

-If you want to know **THE TRUTH** about **the omniscience or all-knowing nature of GOD** just look at how Jesus perceived what was in the minds and hearts of the scribes and Pharisees.

-And if you want to know **THE TRUTH** about **the love and forgiveness of GOD** just look at Jesus hanging on the cross crying out, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

6. Many perceive God to be a cold, detached, angry, cruel God who delights in punishing us when we sin or fail in some way.

7. But when you look at JESUS, you gain a whole new understanding about the nature of GOD.

**JESUS REVEALS THE TRUTH ABOUT THE NATURE OF GOD!**
Secondly……

II. Jesus Reveals THE TRUTH About THE WORD OF GOD

1. Do you remember how John begins his gospel?

   John 1:1 (NKJV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2. God is TRUTH. His character DEMANDS it; His Word DECLARES it. Jesus embodies the TRUTH of GOD!

   Everything the Old Testament prophets wrote about the coming Messiah was fulfilled in JESUS. JESUS was the fulfillment of GOD’S TRUTH.

3. Look down at verses 10,11 here in John 14……

   John 14:10,11 (NKJV)

   10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

   11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

4. Did you catch what Jesus said there in verse 10?

   Jesus only spoke what the heavenly Father gave Him the authority to speak.

   If God said one thing, and Christ said another it would totally discredit the truthfulness of GOD. But God the Father and God the Son were in perfect agreement.
5. Every time Jesus spoke, whether it was through the Parables or His Sermon on The Mount, or His teachings in the synagogue, JESUS was literally the “mouth of God” speaking to man.

JESUS REVEALS THE TRUTH ABOUT THE NATURE OF GOD.
JESUS REVEALS THE TRUTH ABOUT THE WORD OF GOD.

III. Jesus Reveals THE TRUTH About THE ENEMIES OF GOD

1. In Jesus' day, we know the Scribes and Pharisees “prided” themselves on being looked up to as the holiest, most righteous people around. They prided themselves on having a superior knowledge and understanding of the Law of God than anyone else.

2. By His mere presence among them, Jesus exposed the truth about the scribes and Pharisees.

   His righteousness exposed the truth about how unrighteous and unholy they were.

   His knowledge and understanding of the Law exposed the truth about their ignorance of the Law.

   And they absolutely hated the very ground Jesus walked on.

3. In fact Matthew devotes almost the entire 23rd chapter of his gospel to “The Seven Woes” Jesus pronounced upon the scribes and Pharisees. And in those seven woes, Jesus exposed them for what they really were: ENEMIES OF GOD!
4. And the same is true today. Literally billions of people are following the false teachings of men who have claimed to be “enlightened.” But when you hold the lives and teachings of these men up against THE LIGHT OF JESUS CHRIST life and teachings, it exposes them for what they truly are: ENEMIES OF GOD!

JESUS REVEALS THE TRUTH ABOUT THE NATURE OF GOD.

JESUS REVEALS THE TRUTH ABOUT THE WORD OF GOD.

JESUS REVEALS THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ENEMIES OF GOD.

And finally.......

IV. Jesus Reveals THE TRUTH About THE FUTURE HOME WITH GOD

1. This brings us right back to our scripture here in John 14. Let’s read: verses 1-6 again and listen closely to THE TRUTH Jesus reveals about our future.

**JOHN 14:1-6 (NKJV)**  1 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know.” 5 Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way? 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

2. Not only is Jesus “The Way” to our future home, He reveals “The Truth” about our future home with God. TRUTH - “In My Father's house are many mansions.”

TRUTH - “I go there to prepare a place for you.”

TRUTH - “I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.”
3. Isn't it comforting to know THE TRUTH that this world is not all there is to life. Isn't it comforting to know THE TRUTH that we have an eternal future with GOD and when our life has ended we will go to this place He has prepared for us.

4. Think of all those billions of people in this world who don't know JESUS CHRIST: THE TRUTH who believe they have a future in heaven, when in reality they don't.

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CONCLUSION

Have you ever watched a cashier take the $20 bill you handed her and hold it up to the light and run her hands across the surface of the bill?

As you know, she is trying to determine if the bill is genuine or counterfeit. She is trying to determine the truth from a lie.

In a world of “counterfeit” teachers and philosphers, JESUS IS THE REAL DEAL! He is the standard of TRUTHFULNESS by which all teachers and teachings must be measured.

In a world full of people who are still “blinded and bound by the lies of Satan,” aren't you thankful you came to know THE TRUTH.

“I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE. No one comes to the Father, except through Me.”