

Series: I Wish I'd Asked That; Sermon: "Why is Jesus the only way to God?"
Delivered on March 10, 2019, by Dr. Josh Moody, senior pastor

Bible text explored: John 14:5–7

⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." [ESV]

Review and application:

1. Why do you think the Downton Abbey TV series of the last decade—which took pains to accurately reflect the Edwardian era—filmed many of the Crawley family's mealtimes, but never how they began?

Does the majority in our day believe there is only one way to find God?

How, with increasing awareness of many religious options, is such an assertion generally viewed today?

What has led our society to doubt that absolute truth even exists?

2. Why (v. 5) was Thomas's question a valid one? (See *John 13:36* and *14:4*.)

Just as a falling apple provided the "aha moment" that allowed Isaac Newton to grasp how our universe operates, Pastor Moody said that Jesus' compelling answer (v. 6) challenged his disciples to see the way to God as centered in who he is more than where he was going.

3. Understanding how Jesus is the center of all things gives us a new center of gravity. How is he the way through which we can reach our spiritual destination? (*Acts 4:12*)

How is he the truth through whom we can understand ultimate reality? (*John 1:18*)

How is he the life that extends through eternity? (*John 10:28*)

4. If knowing Jesus (v. 7) was equivalent to knowing God, what was he implying they should conclude?

What were some clues that should have driven his disciples to realize that Jesus was more than merely human?

5. How do these words of Jesus challenge us to truly make him the center of gravity for the way we spend our time and orient our lives?

6. Reflect on the Timothy Dudley-Smith's words in the song that concluded today's service:

*Christ be my leader by night as by day,
safe through the darkness, for He is the way.*

*Gladly I follow, my future His care,
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.*

*Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him, though shifting as sand,
doubt cannot daunt me, in Jesus I stand.*

*Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Darkness nor doubting, no sin and its stain
can touch me salvation: with Jesus I reign.*