

## *Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

### **Sermon Notes for August 19-20, 2006**

#### **"I Am The Way"**

##### **John 14:4-6**

Jesus, in seeking to comfort His disciples, wanted them to believe three things (John 14:1-6)

Jesus wanted His disciples to believe that everything was under control and working according to His plan (John 14:1).

Jesus wanted His disciples to believe that one day He was going to return in order to take them to His Father's house (John 14:2-3).

Jesus wanted His disciples to believe that they knew the way to His Father's house (John 14:4-6).

When Jesus told His disciples that they knew the way to His Father's house, He was simply telling them that they knew Him.

The reason why He told them that in knowing Him that they knew the way to His Father's house was because He was the means for them to get there.

The response of Thomas in John 14:5 should not be viewed so much as an attempt to correct Jesus, but rather as an expression of desperation.

It is as if Thomas in John 14:5 was telling Jesus, you think we know, but really it all seems so dark.

Jesus responded to the desperation of Thomas in John 14:5 by explaining to him more clearly what He meant earlier when He told them they knew the way.

Jesus could tell them that He was the way to His Father's house because He is the truth of God and the life of God.

Jesus is the truth of God because He embodies the supreme revelation of God (John 1:18).

Jesus is the life of God because He has life in Himself in the same way as His Father has life in Himself (John 5:26).

After Jesus tells the disciples that He is the way to His Father's house, He makes sure that they know that He is the only way (John 14:6).

May God give us the grace to understand that those who follow Christ as an expression of their faith in this life will find themselves in heaven in the next life.