



Bible Reading Plan

We recommend using the New Living Translation (NLT) or New International Version (NIV) when reading these scriptures each day.

Day One

John 13:34-35

Day Two

2 Thessalonians 1:8

Day Three

Romans 6:17

Day Four

Hebrews 6:1-3

Day Five

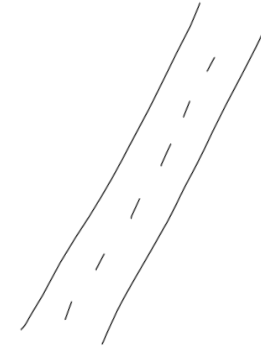
John 10:10

Day Six

Mark 8:34

Day Seven

John 14:21



ONE WAY

Introduction

Before there were interstate highways, there were state-created highways. Though they varied in number of lanes and speed limits, they connected the United States from one end to the other. The challenge, however, was driving safely across the country. There were multiple paths to get there. Some went through mountains while others went through valleys. The trip could last a couple of weeks or a couple of months, depending on how good the driver was at planning and navigation. For minorities, cross-country travel was even more dangerous. Ultimately, the lack of uniform highway standards across the country and multiple routes made travel inefficient, dangerous, and costly.

Today, the uniformed interstate highways allow people to drive across the country in days instead of weeks and they have a clear route to get there. Though there are alternative, more adventurous routes, travelers often choose the most direct paths because their number one priority is reaching the destination.

The Word

John 14:1-14 (NIV)

1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”

5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

9 Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

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the works He did. He promised to do whatever they asked in His name. To ask in someone's name means to ask on their behalf. Therefore, Jesus is only promising to grant our requests when we ask for things that He would ask for and He asked for things to glorify God.

Ask Yourself

After reading the passage, consider these questions.

Why do you think Thomas and Philip struggled to know Jesus?

Why do you think Jesus used a wedding metaphor to explain His reason for leaving?

What do you think Jesus meant by "the Father may be glorified in the Son?"

Going Further

John's account of Jesus' life includes passages not found in the other gospels; so, it's important to study it along with the other gospels for greater clarity.

Read Matthew 25:1-13 and Matthew 26:2 (NASB).

What did Jesus use the wedding analogy to explain in Matthew 25:1-13?

When did Matthew 25 take place in relation to our account in John 14?

Read Matthew 7:21-27

What does this passage teach us about being a disciple?

Read Luke 6:27-49

What does this passage teach us about what true disciples look like?