

## I. INTRODUCTION.

### A. Scripture text: **John 14:1-6.**

“Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. [2] “In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for 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 you know the way where I am going.” [5] Thomas said^ to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?” [6] Jesus said^ to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

### B. Jacob’s ladder, as found in Gen. 28:12 is a type of X.

And he had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

As Jacob saw the angels ascending and descending on the ladder from heaven to earth; Jesus also is seen as the ladder between God and man.

### C. Tonight, let us identify the ladder as the Way to heaven and see Jesus as the Way from sin and disobedience to heaven eternal.

## II. JESUS IS THE **OPPORTUNE** WAY.

### A. In the OT, God set up cities of refuge, by where those who had accidentally killed a man or woman could go to and not be put to death. There were six of these cities strategically placed so that anyone living in Israel could reach them within a day’s journey (Deut. 19:1-6).

“When the LORD your God cuts off the nations, whose land the LORD your God gives you, and you dispossess them and settle in their cities and in their houses, [2] you shall set aside three cities for yourself in the midst of your land, which the LORD your God gives you to possess. [3] “You shall prepare the roads for yourself, and divide into three parts the territory of your land, which the LORD your God will give you as a possession, so that any manslayer may flee there. [4] “Now this is the case of the manslayer who may flee there and live: when he kills his friend unintentionally, not hating him previously-- [5] as when a *man* goes into the forest with his friend to cut wood, and his hand swings the axe to cut down the tree, and the iron *head* slips off the handle and strikes his friend so that he dies-- he may flee to one of these cities and live; [6] lest the avenger of blood pursue the manslayer in the heat of his anger, and overtake him, because the way is long, and take his life, though he was not deserving of death, since he had not hated him previously.

### B. Under the Law there was opportunity to sin and still live. This same opportunity is available in X (Heb. 9:25).

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### C. Jesus is one who stands at the door and knocks. Will you let Him come into you life (Rev. 3:20)?

‘Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me.

## III. JESUS IS THE **OPEN** WAY.

### A. At the cross of Calvary Jesus has made it possible for sins to be forgiven. Under the Law sins were retained year after year, but X’s sacrifice took away sins (Heb. 9:24-26).

For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a *mere* copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; [25] nor was it that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood not his own. [26] Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

### B. There need to be no other sacrifice, this one is once-for-all.

### C. When X comes again, it will not be to bear sin, but to give salvation. His way to Father is open now. It will be closed when He comes again (Heb. 9:27,28).

And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment, [28] so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for salvation without *reference* to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

#### IV. JESUS IS THE ORIGINAL WAY.

- A. Many have come and gone throughout the world claiming to offer eternal life. But Jesus is the original way to God.
- B. The Hebrew writer again stresses the new and the living way that Jesus has brought to us (Heb. 10:19,20).  
*Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, [20] by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,*
- C. Jesus said that he was dead, but alive now forevermore. This makes His way the living way, inaugurated by His death, burial and resurrection (Rev. 1:18).  
*and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.*

#### V. JESUS IS THE OMNIPOTENT WAY.

- A. Remember the great teachings of Isaiah when he spoke of the highway of holiness. The redeemed will walk there (Isa. 35:8,9).  
*And a highway will be there, a roadway, And it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, But it will be for him who walks that way, And fools will not wander on it. [9] No lion will be there, Nor will any vicious beast go up on it; These will not be found there. But the redeemed will walk there,*
- B. X leads us in triumph as we go through this life (2Cor. 2:14).  
*But thanks be to God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.*
- C. In Rev. 19, we see a picture of this victorious X. He is leading the army of the saints to overcome all their enemies (see Rev. 19:11-21).

#### IV. JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY.

- A. There is a reason for us to go Jesus' way. He is preparing a place for us. A mansion in heaven, the eternal dwelling place for the faithful (Jn. 14:1-3).  
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- B. Thomas said that he did not know the way to these mansions, but Jesus said that He is the way (the truth and the life).
- C. Jesus is not a good way, one of the ways, or even the best way; He is the way.
- D. No man can come to God except by Jesus (Jn. 14:4-6).  
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#### VII. CONCLUSION & INVITATION.

- A. We have seen Jesus as the:
  - 1. Opportune way.
  - 2. Open way.
  - 3. Original way.
  - 4. Omnipotent way.
  - 5. Only way.
- B. John 8:24 says that unless we believe in X we will die in our sins.  
*"I said therefore to you, that you shall die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins."*  
May we forsake our sins and go the way of salvation -- JC (2Cor. 6:2).  
*for He says, "AT THE ACCEPTABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU, AND ON THE DAY OF SALVATION I HELPED YOU"; behold, now is "THE ACCEPTABLE TIME," behold, now is "THE DAY OF SALVATION"--*
- C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.