

Problem:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=Nq7us5Lf5IU>

catholics pope -

Many think differently, feel differently, seeking God or meeting God in different ways. In this crowd, in this range of religions, there is only one certainty we have for all: we are all children of God.

response:

You might be seeking in different ways but there is only one Way

You might be trusting in different philosophical ideas but there is only one Truth

You might be enjoying different religious experiences but there is only one Life

Context:

you know (intellectually) the way to Christ but must know personally the Way who is Christ

-John is driving our understanding from a place you travel to,
to a person you know personally

Text:**You know the way (cpt)**

John 14:1 "Let not your hearts be troubled. **Believe in God; believe also in me.**

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many rooms (permanent residing places). If it were not so, would I have told you that

I go to prepare a place for you? (wedding language creation)

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.**

John 14:4 And **you know** (oida) **the way** to where I am going."

CPT- you know (intellectually) the way to Christ but must know personally the Way who is Christ in my Father's house Heaven?

yes - Heaven is a place and there is a future time when we will be brought there (Phil 1:21-24; 1 thess 4:13-18; Jn 17:24)

and no - John is driving toward something else...

Jn 14:10 - the Father who dwells in me - make His home with you - 14:23

a place for you IN Christ - Jn 2:16-22 -temple -> Jesus' body -Eph 1:1-14

do not be troubled - Jn 16:32-33 - peace IN Christ not in the world

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Do you know me? (main idea)

John 14:5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not **know** (oida) where you are going. **How can we know** (oida) **the way?**"

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "**I am** (ego eime) **the way, and the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:7 **If** (2nd class condition - robertson) you had **known** (ginosko - know personally through experience) **me** (and you haven't really), YOU would have **known** (oida - understand) **my Father** also. From now on you do **know** (ginosko) him and have **seen** him."

(6) main idea

-the Way is a person not a path, the Truth is a person not a philosophy, the Life is a person not an experience

(7) if is second class (robertson),

known is ginko and oida distinguishing to know personally and to know or comprehend

—"if you had known me (personally), and you haven't really, you would have comprehended the Father also.

From now on you do know Him (personally) and have seen Him."

exclusivity in knowing not a path but a person - Heb 10:19-20

Acts 4:12 exclusivity built into the very essence of the early church

Acts 9:2; 19:9, 23; 24:14 - early church of the Way

Do you see Me? (implication 1)

John 14:8 ¶ Philip said to him, "Lord, **show us** the Father, and it is enough for us."

John 14:9 Jesus said to him, "**Have I been with you** (all) **so long, and you still do not know** (perfect - have not known me)

(ginosko) me, Philip? Whoever has **seen** (perfect) **me** has **seen** (has seen) **the Father.** How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

for He came to explain Him (exegete Him)- John 1:18 - made Him known

do you know Him? exclusivity is key - matt 7:12-13 -> Matt 7:22-23 (i never knew you-of course He knew of the person - but there was no relationship)

(Heb 1:1-4 -He is the final complete revelation of God to man)

(phil 3:8 knowing Him is of surpassing worth - if you knew Him at one time you could not know Him now -? (Heb))

Do you believe Me? (implication 2)

John 14:10 **Do you not believe** that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

John 14:11 **Believe me** that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, **or else believe on account of the works themselves.**

i am in Him and He is in me

He left us to explain Him - John 14:18-20 - have you been with me so long you do not see Christ - believe on the testimony of works themselves - Jn 13:34-35

You know the Way (application)

John 14:12 ¶ "Truly, truly, I say to you, **whoever believes in me** will also do **the works** (not signs) **that I do; and greater works than these will he do**, because I am going to the Father.

John 14:13 **Whatever you ask** in my name, this **I will do**, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 14:14 **If you ask** me anything in my name, **I will do it.**

(greater works - Jn 8:39; because of the Holy Spirit ->(14:26; 15:26; 16:13 -> book of acts - added to church)

*Jn 5:19-20 - the Way is a person not a path- **follow Him***

*John 8:26-29 - the Truth is a person not an philosophy - **listen to Him***

*1 John 5:11-15 - the Life is a person not an experience- **talk to Him***

Main Idea: do you KNOW me?

the Way is a person not a direction

the Truth is a person not a philosophy

the Life is a person not an experience

Implication: Do you see me?

do you know Him? exclusivity is key - non-believers in view

Implication 2: do you believe me?

evangelism in view - on account of the works themselves which bear witness to our testimony

Application: you KNOW the Way, Truth and Life Personally

Jn 5:19-20 - the Way is a person not a direction- follow Him

following Him is about a relationship not ten easy steps

John 8:26-29 - the Truth is a person not an philosophy - listen to Him

listening to Him is about a relationship not do's and don'ts

1 John 5:11-15 - the Life is a person not an experience- talk to Him

talking to Him is about a relationship not endless rituals

Articles for further discussion:

regarding syncretism:

<https://www.gty.org/blog/B150225/evangelical-syncretism-rethinking-the-reformation>

summary of the Way Truth and Life:

<http://www.gotquestions.org/way-truth-life.html>

regarding prayer in our relationship:

<http://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/place-prayer/>

