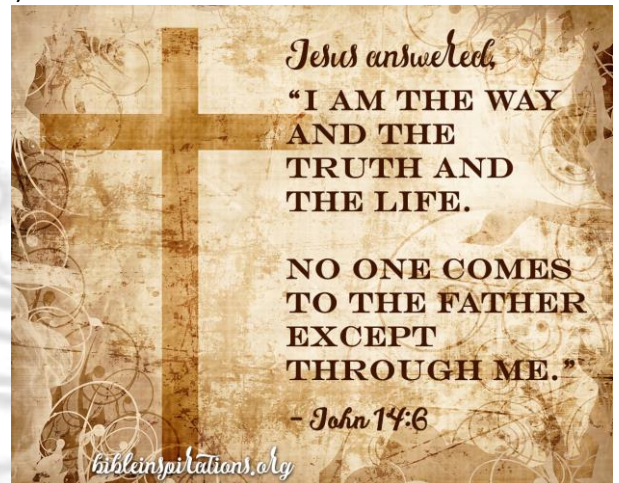


(Food for thought)

Gospel: John 14:1-12

“The Way, The Truth and The Life”



Today's Gospel is a scene from the Last Supper, He commissioned them to gather the people around His table, break bread with and for them, and make present among them once again His Body and Blood.

Jesus says to those who continue to gather around the table - **that He is "The Way" to God.** Jesus passion is for the utter authenticity of people's lives; and His way of loving is also the way for us to live.

He is "The Truth" we can trust. He has taught us about God's nature and we trust what he has said about God's abundant mercy and forgiveness for us is true. Jesus Himself is the

truth about God – and living Jesus' life will be how we live out God's will for us - the truth.

He is "The Life" that we share. When He tells his disciples, "I am going to the Father," he promises that he will come back to take them to himself. As we approach Pentecost we yearn again for the Spirit Jesus promised us that will take us to himself, unite us with him and empower us to live the life he lived. This Spirit is his life for us and it quickens our own spirits, enlivening us so we can live Jesus's life. Through the promised Spirit, his is "the life" that is now within us.

In the Gospel, Philip speaks one famous line that is recorded for all time: "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." These words sum up the entire purpose and direction of the human journey. They articulate the basic longing of our hearts to see God, to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him. Philip speaks for all of us when he says to Jesus: "We really only

need one thing - to see God; show us how to do that, and that will be enough!"

Jesus answered with words that are equally critical for us: "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me?"

