

Never get lost

If I haven't got my phone blaring out directions at me, sometimes on any brand-new journey I can make a wrong turn. Knowing where to go is important.

I was putting something together the other day - one of those flat packs; you know that have the kind of instructions that you need special map reading skills to decode.

I was putting two screws in; a really tight fit and after a while I got them in. It was pretty impressive, given they were the wrong screws. How I laughed when I realised, they had to come out, and the correct ones put in. I got there in the end. It's not fallen down - yet!

Directions, choices, knowing what the right way is.

Well so much is going on right now in our nation. What's right for our nation; a lot of views on what should be next steps and new freedoms. For so many things, sometimes the answers are just a little bit grey. Some ambiguities. There are strengths and weaknesses in so many decisions; upsides and downsides.

Sometimes though it's nice to have some real clarity. To know something is right.

Here goes. I want to make a statement that I believe is absolutely and unconditionally and categorically true. The reason I say this is because it didn't originate with me. It's a claim of Jesus Christ, by himself.

This is it: *"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* John 14:6

I am the way, the truth and the life. What a claim. Simplifies everything. If Jesus is wrong here, well, it is an outrageously arrogant statement. If he is right... well, we know what we should do.

This claim forces one to consider 'who do you *really* think Jesus is'.

Jesus says He alone is the way - the way to life. It is all about belonging – not a quest, no treasure map, no policy decision, no complex codes. It's simple - a relationship. Jesus, God the Son is the one who we belong to, to go to God the father. Jesus Christ is the location for our heavenly hope.

Whatever seems uncertain, whatever we are hopeful of, or anxious about, be sure of this: in Jesus is found all that gives true life.

Whatever else is going on in your life, now, for the rest of this year, and always - know where your confidence is to be.

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