John 14:6 study

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Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to <u>the Father</u> except through me.

Why did Jesus make this statement? What question was he answering? Discuss.

Let's look back to what might have got this thread started.

John 13:33 "My children, <u>I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me</u>, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: <u>Where I am going, you cannot come</u>…."

How might the disciples have felt hearing Jesus is leaving them?

What questions would you ask if you were one of the 12?

We have 4 questions recorded that the disciples asked. Let's look at each one.

<u>Question 1. Simon Peter</u>

13:3. Simon Peter asked him, "<u>Lord, where are you going</u>?"

1. What answer might Peter have been expecting?
2. As Jesus' answer in keeping with what he might have wanted to hear?
3. **14:1-4** is still the same answer to Peter's question. What does it suggest about Jesus' destination?
4. Do we sometimes ask for information when something else is our bigger need?
5. Do we let ourselves become anxious when God would have us trust him? What things make us most anxious at the moment? Can we give them to God?

<u>Question 2. Thomas.</u>

[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?"

1. What sort of answer is Thomas hoping to receive?
2. What answer does Jesus give Thomas?
3. What might Jesus be hoping Thomas and the disciples will draw from this answer?
4. What do we consider more significant, going to heaven when we die or having relationship with our Father in this life? Why?
5. Many consider John 14:6 to be too exclusive and they look for a more inclusive gospel where people can be saved without necessarily believing in Jesus. Does the New Testament support this idea?
    a. ***Acts 4:12. 'Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.'***
    b. '***But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse!' (Galatians 1:8)***

<u>Question 3. Philip. 14:8</u>

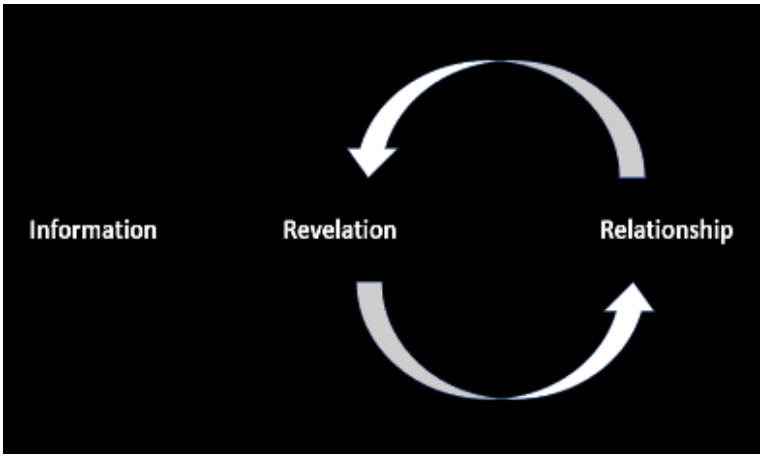
[7] (If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.") [8] Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

1. What is wrong with Philip's question?
2. How does Jesus correct Philip?
3. Consider **Colossians 1:15** ***'The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.'***

Question 4. Judas (good Judas not bad Judas)

[22] Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?"

1. Does Jesus supply the information that Judas seeks?
2. Do we sometimes seek information when we should seek something else? What might that be?
3. Consider this diagram and discuss.



Seven I am statements. Summary thoughts to consider

- Each 'I Am' is a sign, showing Jesus as Lord, God, creator, sustainer, messiah.
- Each 'I Am' shows Jesus to be the one who led Moses, rescued Israel, parted the Red Sea…..
- Seven 'I Am' statements means 'DON'T MISS THIS! God is in your midst!'
- Jesus is the way, thee truth and the life. He is the way to relationship with God as Father. Good news.
- Jesus' final 'I am' teaching, is '***I am the true vine.'*** Abide. Stay in the vine. Relationship.
- Because our Father is the Lord of creation, we can cease being anxious and trust.