

Hope in Uncertain Times

Way, Truth & Life: Part 1 - Jesus



Welcome, or welcome back if you're a regular listener, to The Fuelcast and also to:

"Hope in Uncertain Times" - because these times are uncertain for everybody and everybody is looking for hope.

My name is Nigel Coles and today is the first of six, from these words of Jesus in John 14.:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 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?'

⁶ Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'

Twelve months when we began to hear of coronavirus - something far-away, in China. I didn't know Covid-19 existed and thought a lockdown was something I'd witnessed once in Northern Ireland, in a pub many years ago, but then I realised that was a lock-in!

But today ... within a few days we shall reach 100,000 deaths in the UK with Covid-19 written on the death certificate.

There's an under-lying weariness: 'how much longer will this situation carry on?' People everywhere are worn down and many worn out, hospital staff are on their knees.

There's an under-lying anxiety: the rapidly increasing rate of the spread of the virus, has taken anxiety levels to a new height. By now, we all know someone, who has died as a result. One of my dear friend's dad has died just this past week. Someone else. Sadness, grief and tragedy are epidemic.

The number of deaths over the last year, across the UK, now exceeds our average annual rate during World War Two.

What on earth can anyone say, which makes any difference?

*Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in **me**. Jesus.*

It's the person, Jesus, I'm hearing speak these words to me. It's **the** word, which has made **the** difference, each and every day, to me though-out.

I am the way, the truth and the life. Whenever Jesus says **I am**, you can almost hear the echo of the Old Testament when God declares "I am who I am". Jesus the Son of the One, True, Living, God, is with me and also with you.

Believe, (or trust is another way we translate this word) in God; believe, trust also in me.

Jesus spoke like this the night before his death, his crucifixion.

It makes a difference doesn't it, to have someone with you when you're in a tunnel surrounded by darkness? – there's elements of human comfort and reassurance here, I know Jesus is much, much more. In fact, John in the introduction to his gospel, starts by saying:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome^[a] it.

That's why he can say **I am**.

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