

## Hope in Uncertain Times

### Way, Truth & Life: Part - Know



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.

Today is our final one, from this passage.

Today please spend five minutes with me dwelling on the word know.

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> 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? <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going.'

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

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

Six times the word 'know' pops up:

Jesus: You **know** the way

Thomas: we don't & how can we **know** the way?

Jesus: if you **know** me; you will **know** my Father; from now on you do **know** him.

In the face of death, Jesus wants to focus our attention on knowing him – there's good reason for that, because we all have to face the reality of death, and Jesus is the way through and beyond.

Jesus uses the present tense: if you know me Thomas – today, right here, right now.

His words could equally use your name:

Whatever tomorrow brings, because you know me, you will know my Father also.

Do you realise what this means? It means Jesus makes the world of difference each and every day, whatever the circumstances.

In these present times, when death is demanding the focus of our attention, on every news bulletin we hear, we can make Jesus our focus.

Jesus promises the day before his crucifixion, in the face of his own death, he can overcome death itself.

He never pretends the challenges and issues we face are not real, but he does promise to us a share in his resurrection victory.

If you know him, you can trust him.

If you trust him with death, you can trust him with life.

Because by his death, he offers you life – not future tense, but present tense, here and now.

Lord, I accept the truth of who you are today.

I try and live life too much my way, but I want to re-align all I am with your way. Help me today, by your Holy Spirit.

In Jesus name.

Amen.

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