



Why 'The Way'?

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INTRODUCTION

- Why is this talked about so frequently in the book of Acts? There's at least six times where it specifically is a reference to the community people of Jesus.
- So that if he found any belonging to the way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

1 Baptized Into Moses: The Way Out

1 Corinthians 10:1–4

- Our fathers were all baptized into Moses. In the cloud and in the sea, ... for they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and that rock was Christ.
- God's deliverance, his road of rescue is the Exodus. It is the fundamental story of deliverance and salvation in Scripture.
- The first followers of Jesus being called the way isn't just a random way to describe disciples of Jesus.
- It's about the way out, the way out of sin, the way through the struggles of life, and the way into the promised land.

2 He Has Become My Salvation

Exodus 15:2; Exodus 6:6; Exodus 13:21

- The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.
- I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment.
- They're going to go out from Egypt, they're going to go through the wilderness, and then they're going to go into the promised land. This is the way of the Lord.
- They go into the house and they have the blood covering them, and this is where you are saved. This is where you are delivered by the blood of the Lamb.

3 Jesus the New Moses

Matthew 5:1; Ephesians 1:9–10

- It's not just a way of life, it is a journey that you're on. It's a path that's being taken that's directed by the Lord.
- The book of Matthew ... shows Jesus as the new Moses, and he's reliving the story of Israel.
- When Jesus comes out of the water, he is immediately led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted for 40 days.
- What he's trying to say is everything is brought together in Christ.

4 Joshua Will Save His People

Joshua 1:5–8; Judges 2:10; Judges 2:18

- Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of Yahweh, which he will work for you today.
- That word salvation or the salvation of the Lord in Hebrew is the word Yeshua, which you would say Joshua. When you Latinize it and put it into English, it is the word Jesus.
- He parts the waters and they walk through on dry land. It's a mini exodus all over again.
- It's the way out of slavery. It's the way through the wilderness. It's God's way being led through his deliverers, through his saviors.

5 The Way of Holiness in Isaiah

Isaiah 35:8–10; Isaiah 40:3; Isaiah 43:1–3

- It should be the way of holiness, and the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way.
- A voice cries in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- Fear not, ... I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.
- When you pass through the water, I will be with you.

6 Jesus Is the Way

1 Corinthians 5:7

- This connects to the reality that Jesus is the way. No one's going to come to the Father except through him.
- He is the Passover Lamb.
- They were speaking to him about his exodus, that he would soon accomplish at Jerusalem.
- Post-cross, we are now being tested in our way through the wilderness, awaiting the time when we can come into Zion.

THE CHALLENGE

Come to the waters, pass through them. Come on the other side, delivered. Become part of the way, part of the people who are walking on this path to glory.

MY NOTES