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#### I am the Way the Truth and the Life John 14:6

## Why does Jesus answer a "where-question" with this claim?

Context = concern over Jesus leaving--where is He going and why can't the disciples follow? See 13:33,36,37, 14:1-5.

## Why do so many react negatively to what Jesus is claiming?

Exclusive claims aren't popular today because of relativistic thinking.

Some argue Jesus' claim is arrogant because it is incorrect. Others argue Jesus' claim is misinterpreted by very arrogant people.

# What is the problem with reimagining Jesus' claim?

Jesus' wording is clear (*the* vs. *a*, plus negation). Because He is *the truth and the life* (1:4,14, 3:15, 11:25), He is indeed *the way*.

Also, other statements by Jesus and NT authors uphold the longheld view of Jesus' unique claim here, 1:1ff., I Tim. 2:5, Mk. 10:45, Acts 4:12, Matt. 7:13,14, 28:19,20, Col. 1:15,16, Rev. 1:5-8.

# What is my decision about Jesus' blunt claim here?

Arrogant or accurate? The best choice = Jn. 1:12, 3:16, 5:24.

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

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