

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR
Coming Home, Part 2: Finding the Way

Introduction

1. What kinds of things do people do when they go on a quest for religious truth?
2. Does it seem to you that it usually works out well for them? Why or why not?
3. What does Romans 3:11 mean for this quest?

John 14:1-3 (redux)

1. How can heavenly truths bring calm to the troubled heart of an earthly soul? Is this a false means of comfort? Why or why not?
2. It is said that "home is where the heart is." Name a person (or people) who represent home to you.
3. Honestly now: In what way is Jesus Christ on that list?

John 14:4-6

1. How is it that the disciples knew where Jesus was going but did not know that they knew?
2. Name something, if you dare, that you do not know or understand about Christ. How will you process your lack?
3. Tell the story of a time you spoke the truth into someone's life that Christ is the only way to the Father. How did it go?
4. How does the exclusivity of Christ affect your walk with him and the way you interact with others?

Acts 2:22-24

1. What did God do to confirm the authenticity of Christ? Why do you think so many Jewish people in the first century refused to trust in their Messiah? Do you see the same challenge anywhere today?
2. What was the participation of God the Father in the sacrifice of the Son? How do you think he "felt" about it?
3. How is it possible for God to plan something, see it through to completion, and yet have it be done "by the hands of godless men?" Feel free to be bewildered. But how can we avoid errors when thinking and speaking of such a concurrence of divine and human actions?
4. Why was it impossible for Christ to be held in the power of death?

John 14:7-11

1. List characteristics you see in Christ which must also, by definition, be characteristics of the Father. Why does it seem counterintuitive to do so?
2. Do the same for the Father.
3. Christ claimed identity with the Father. Describe the identity of Christ in such a way that someone who chooses to believe what you say would be saved. How hard/easy is this?