

The 12 Days of Easter: Day 2, The Life



Day 2: The Life

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through Me. "

John 14:6

Life [lahyf]

noun:

1. a corresponding state, existence, or principle of existence conceived of as belonging to the soul:
2. the course of existence or sum of experiences and actions that constitute a person's existence:
3. anything or anyone considered to be as precious as life:

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In today's verse, Jesus makes a bold statement. He tells us that He is the way, the truth, *the life*. The Greek word for life in this verse is **zoe**, which is, according to the *Key Word Study Bible*, "the very life-force itself, the vital principle which animates living beings." The meaning for **zoe** life, however, goes much deeper than physical life; we are not just living, breathing creatures. We have souls, and this definition of **life** permanently melds together the physical and the spiritual – imputing to us holiness and

righteousness.

But that holiness and righteousness does not come from ourselves. So, where does it come from? It comes from Jesus, who according to Acts 3:15 (NIV), is the **author of life** to all who trust in Him to forgive their sins. I love this thought of Jesus being the author of life, not just life in general, but *your* life. When you ask Jesus to forgive your sins and accept His work of grace that He started on the cross and finished at The Resurrection, then you give Him permission to be the author of your life. No matter what age you are, He opens the cover and begins to write the most exciting life story that could ever be written, full of characters and plots beyond your own imagination and expectation. The author of life sacrificed His life so that you can have new, eternal life.

Point to Ponder:

Who is writing the story of your life?

Prayer:

Dear Father,

Life is so much more than a physical existence. It's easy to forget that truth in today's world. Help us to grasp hold of the reality of eternal life through Jesus, where we can be holy and righteous before God. May we make the choice to have the author of life write a life story for us that will never end. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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