**Scripture Readings:** Exodus 20:1-17 & John 13:36 - 14:14

**Psalters Singing**: 241:1-5 – 69:1-2 – 255:1-4 - 65:1-4 – 415:4-5

**Jesus as the Way**

I. The destination of the way II. The details of the way

III. The use of the way

**I. The Destination of the way**

A. All the disciples are troubled and confused (13:36; 14:1, 5, 8)

B. Thomas reply (vs. 5): *expresses amazement at Jesus’ declaration*

C. Where is Jesus going to? (13:33, 36 – 14:2-3)

 1. He calls it the *Father’s house with many mansions*

 a. it is where the Father lives with His extended family

 2. No Person is more glorious than *God the Father* and therefore no

 place is more glorious than the *Father’s house*

 a. What does *father (abba)* suggest to us?

b. Consider Ps. 16:11 – 17:15 – 23:6 - 36:8-9

**II. The details of the way: *I am the way, the truth and the life***

A. Jesus’ declaration of being **the** Way implies a few things

 1. either we *lost the way* or *don’t have a way*

a. Are you discovering how *lost we are* in this life?

b. Are you discovering that *we don’t have a way back to God?*

c. Are you discovering that *we are no unfit to dwell with God?*

B. The blessed details in Jesus’ words: *I am the way (back), you lost sinners!*

 1. Nobody can claim this truth: *to* ***be*** *the way itself!*

 a. salvation is not through *following beliefs – methods – programs*

 b. salvation is through *performing task – reaching levels*

c. salvation is *in a Person Who is God Who acts: I AM!*

 2. How is Jesus as Person the way back to God?

a. He only can remove and did remove *obstacles* hindering the

 return to Father’s heart

● how to be accepted with Him Who is holy?

 ● how to receive forgiveness of Him Who is just?

b. His **truth** sets free and brings **life** with God

● we face *eternal bondage and doom*

● only Jesus can set us free from *bondage and doom*

 ● He brings life eternal (union and communion with God)

C. What glorious news is this: *by Him we can and may return!*

 1. Be assured: it is the **old** way that yet never grows old (Gen. 4)

2. Be not fearful: *It is the* ***safest*** *way* (John 6:37b)

 3. Be reminded: *it is a* ***living*** *way* (Heb. 7:24-27 – 10:20-21)

 4. Be alert: *it is a narrow way* (Matt. 7:13-14)

Question: Are you walking (using) this way?

A. No matter how good road/destination: *it only is good when we use it!*

 1. Jesus Christ is *way* ***God*** *paved for us to use to return to Him!*

a. John 3:16-17; Romans 5:7-8; 8:32)

 2. How do I know whether I am using this way of Jesus Christ?

 a. in seeking to return to God, what or who do you trust?

b. in seeking God’s forgiveness, how do you seek it?

 c. in seeking admittance into the Father’s house, what is our main

 motive?

The Law is what we must do; the Gospel is what God will give. (M. Luther)

The Gospel is neither a method, nor a debate, or discussion topic. It is a Divine announcement to sinners!