

The Way

Act 9:2

- I. "The Way"
 - A. First appears in Acts 9:2
 - B. Used 4 more times throughout the book of Acts to describe Christianity (19:9; 19:23; 24:14; 24:22)

- II. What does this description teach us about Christianity?
 - A. It is Singular
 1. There is only one way to salvation – Jesus (Acts 4:9-12)
 2. There are not many ways within Jesus – just one (Eph. 4:4-6)
 3. While there is diversity individually, there must be unity as the Church (Rom. 12:4-5)
 - B. It is a Journey
 1. Acts 19:2 – Greek word is Hodos, "progress, a mode or a means, a journey or a highway.
 2. Christianity is a road to another place
 3. Life is a road to one of two places (Mt. 7:13-14)
 4. Our focus must be on our destination
 - a. True Treasure (Mt. 6:19-21)
 - b. Abraham (Hebrews 11:9-10)
 - c. Moses (Heb. 11:25-26)
 - d. Paul; *"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain"* (Php. 1:21)
 - C. It is absolute
 1. The world teaches there is no absolute truth. "All religions contain some truth – no religion contains all the truth"
 - a. Pilate – "What is truth?" (John 18:38)
 2. Christianity is absolute – it is THE WAY.
 3. Jesus taught in absolutes
 - a. The Word of God (John 17:17)
 - b. The way to the father (John 14:6)
 - c. Salvation
 4. The Way of salvation is absolute
 - a. Belief (Jn. 8:24)
 - b. Repentance (Lk. 13:3)
 - c. Confession (Mt. 10:32-33)
 - d. Baptism (Mt. 28:19-20; Mk. 16:16;
 - i. The foreshadowing of Noah and the Flood (1 Pet. 3:18-22)