

- Jesus: Way, Truth, Life



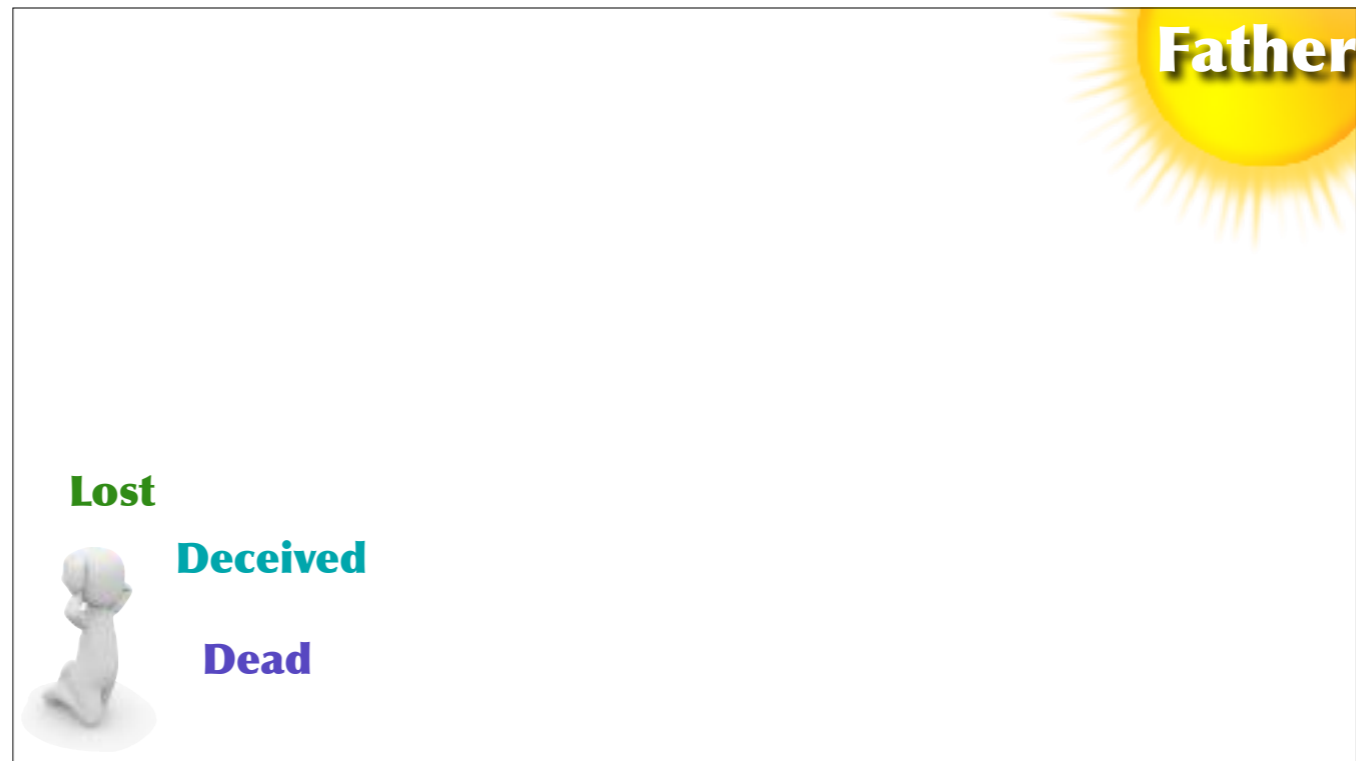
- Parable of Prodigal Son: Luke 15:11-32
  - Son who leaves home with great wealth and wastes it all with reckless abandon.
  - Famine, need, feed pigs: "no one gave him anything"
  - > "when he came to himself" (17)



- 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' 20 And he arose and came to his father.



- Luke 15:24 (ESV) 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.



- Each of us is like the prodigal son...
  - We have left our Father and departed from our home and family
  - Sin: “there is none righteous”; “all have sinned”
  - Like the Younger son
    - We are lost
    - We are deceived
    - We are dead

**How can I return to my Father?**



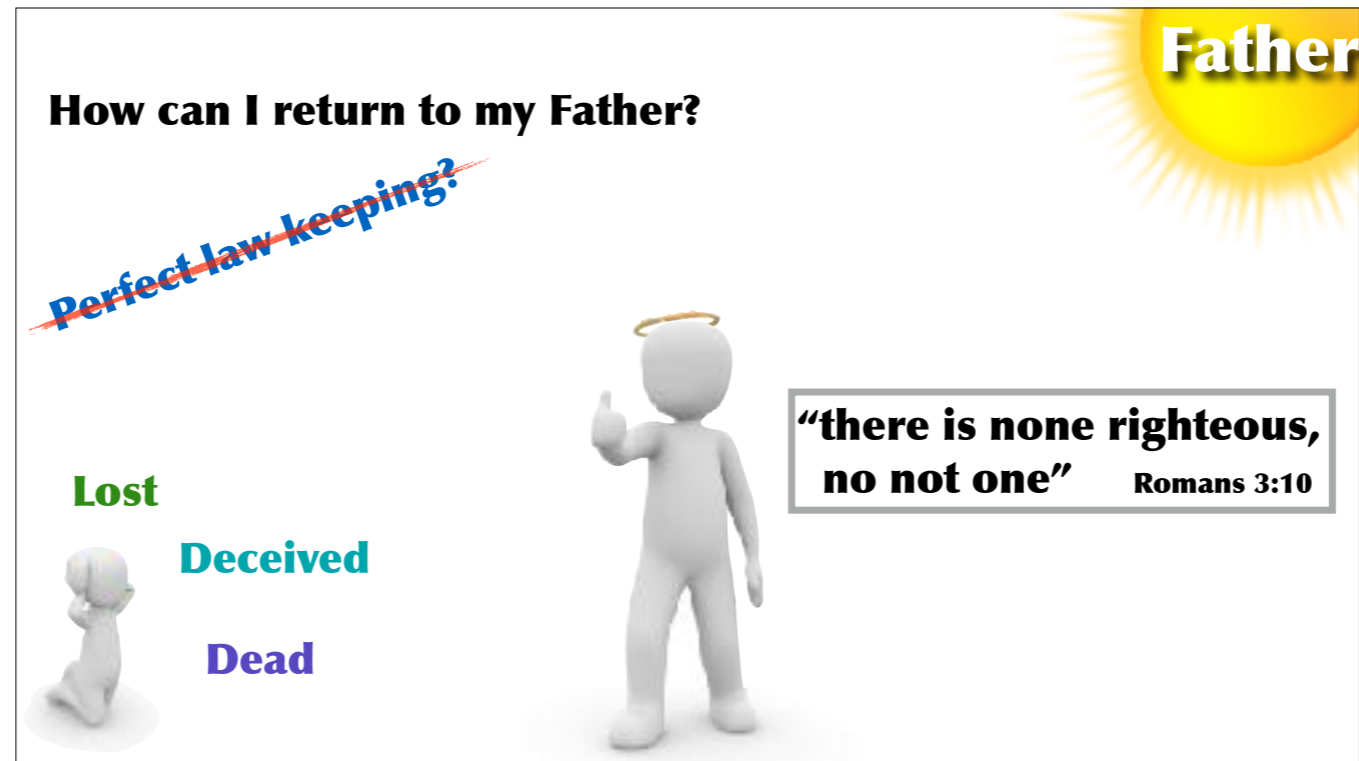
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- Perfect law keeping
  - Romans 3:10-12 (ESV) 10 as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

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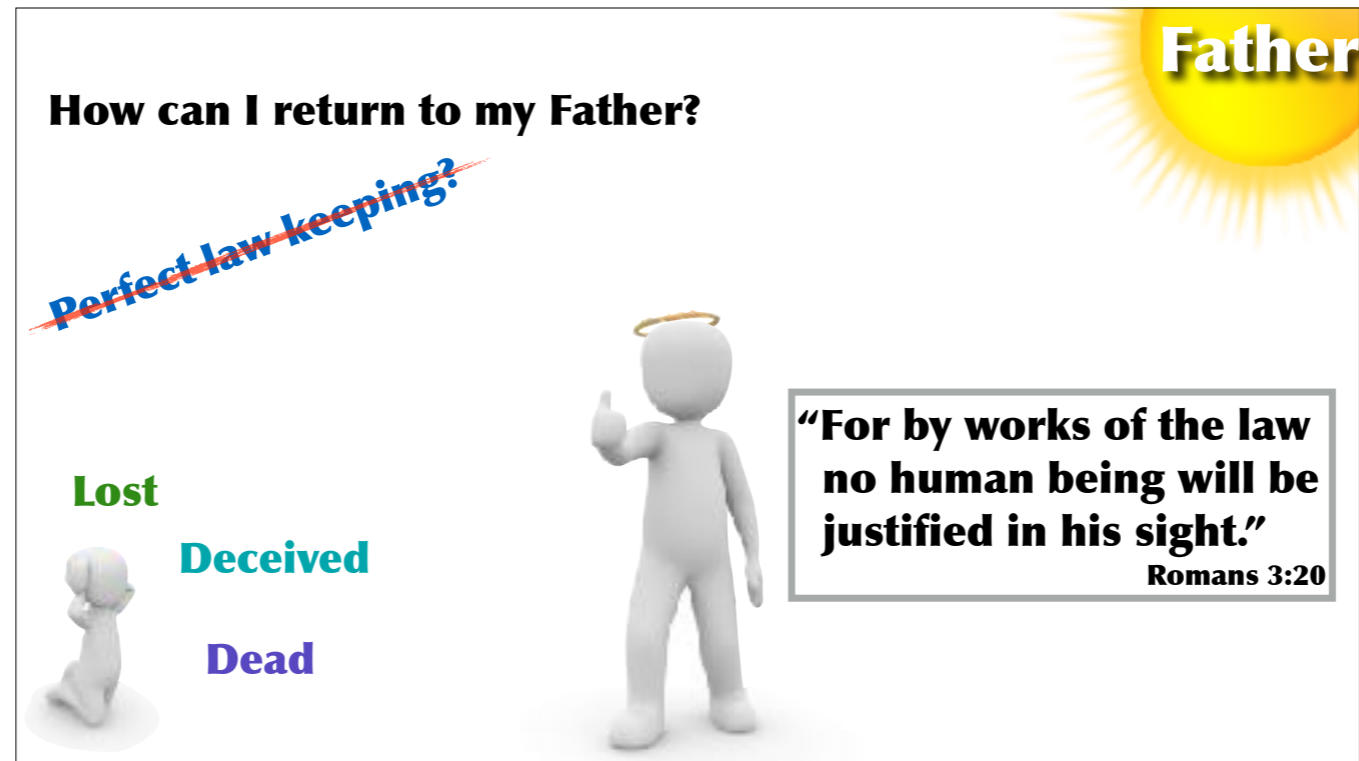
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**“For by works of the law  
no human being will be  
justified in his sight.”**  
Romans 3:20



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  - Romans 3:20 (ESV) For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.



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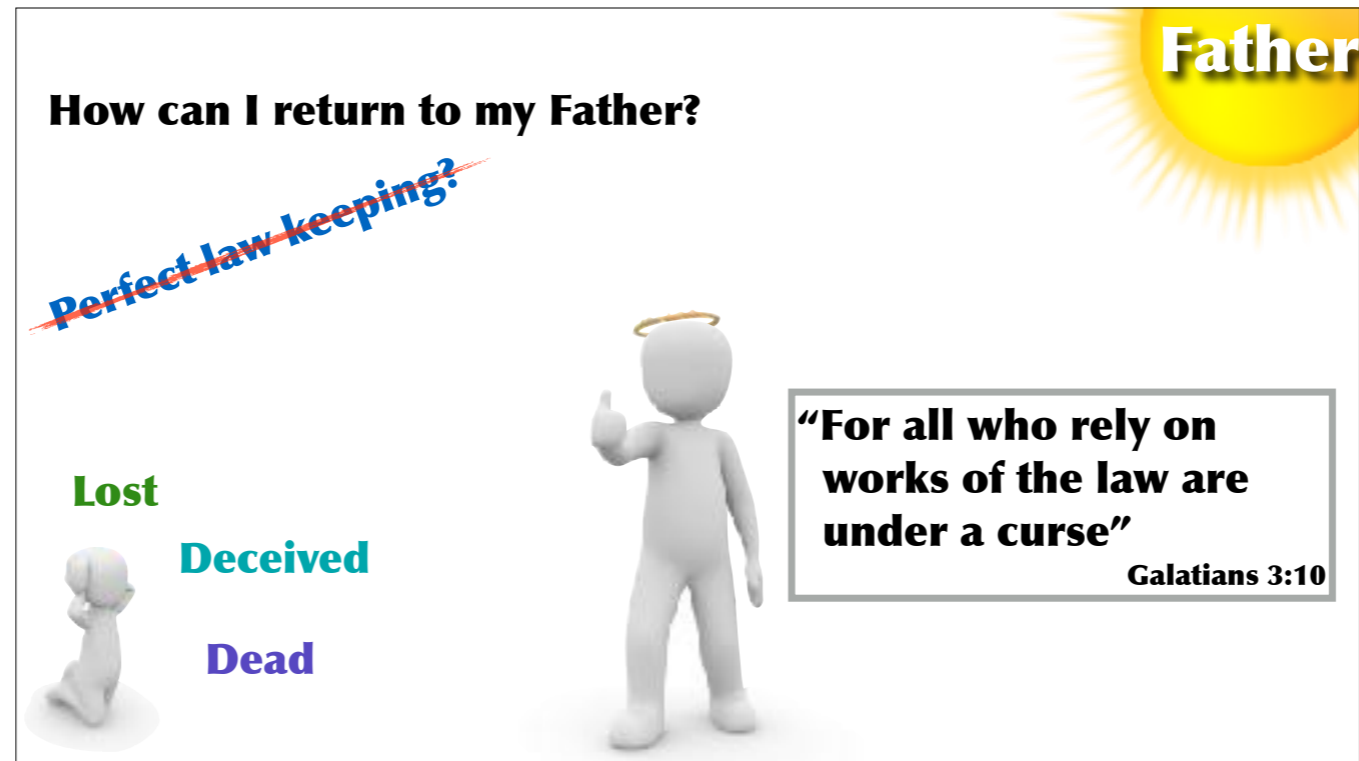
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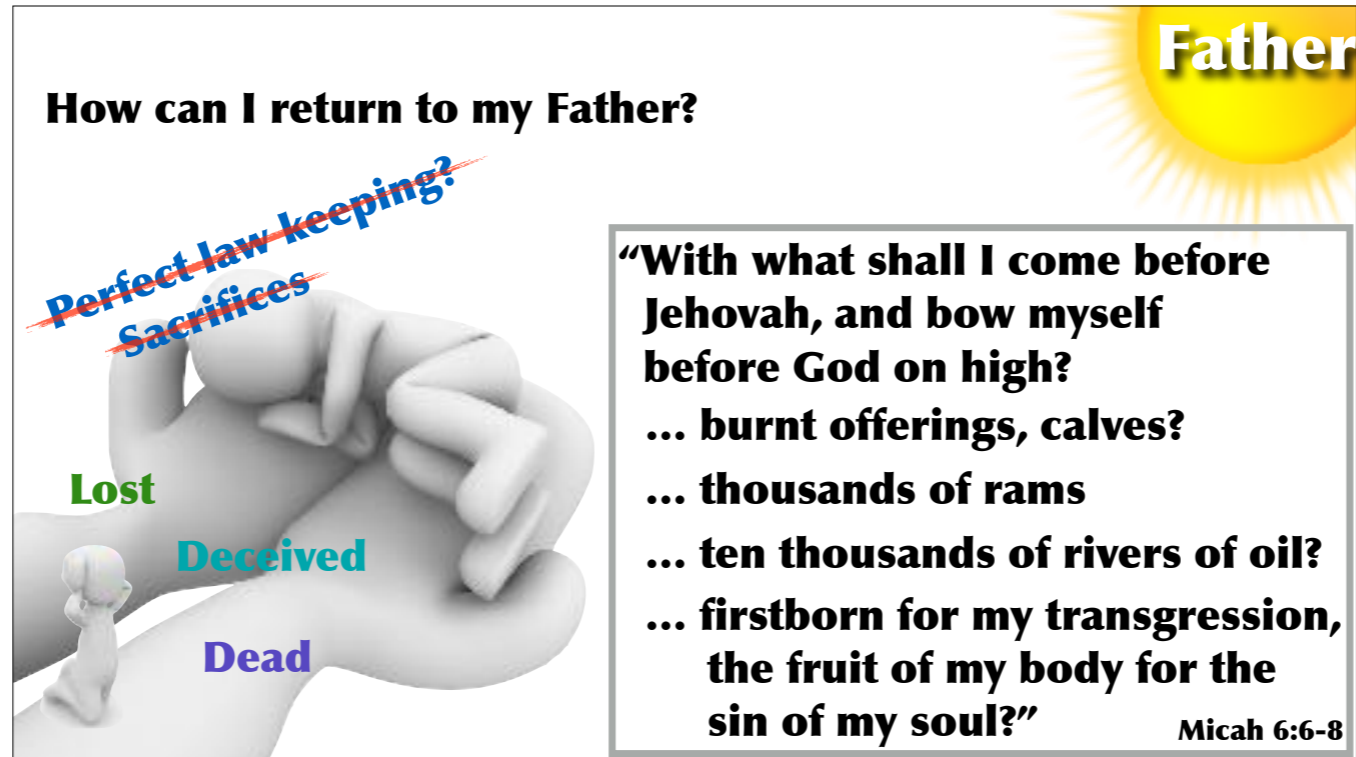
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**“For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse”**  
Galatians 3:10



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  - Galatians 3:10-11 (ESV) 10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”

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~~Sacrifices~~

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**“With what shall I come before Jehovah, and bow myself before God on high?  
... burnt offerings, calves?  
... thousands of rams  
... ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
... firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the  
sin of my soul?”**

**Micah 6:6-8**

- Sacrifices
  - Micah 6:6-8 (ESV) 6 “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” 8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

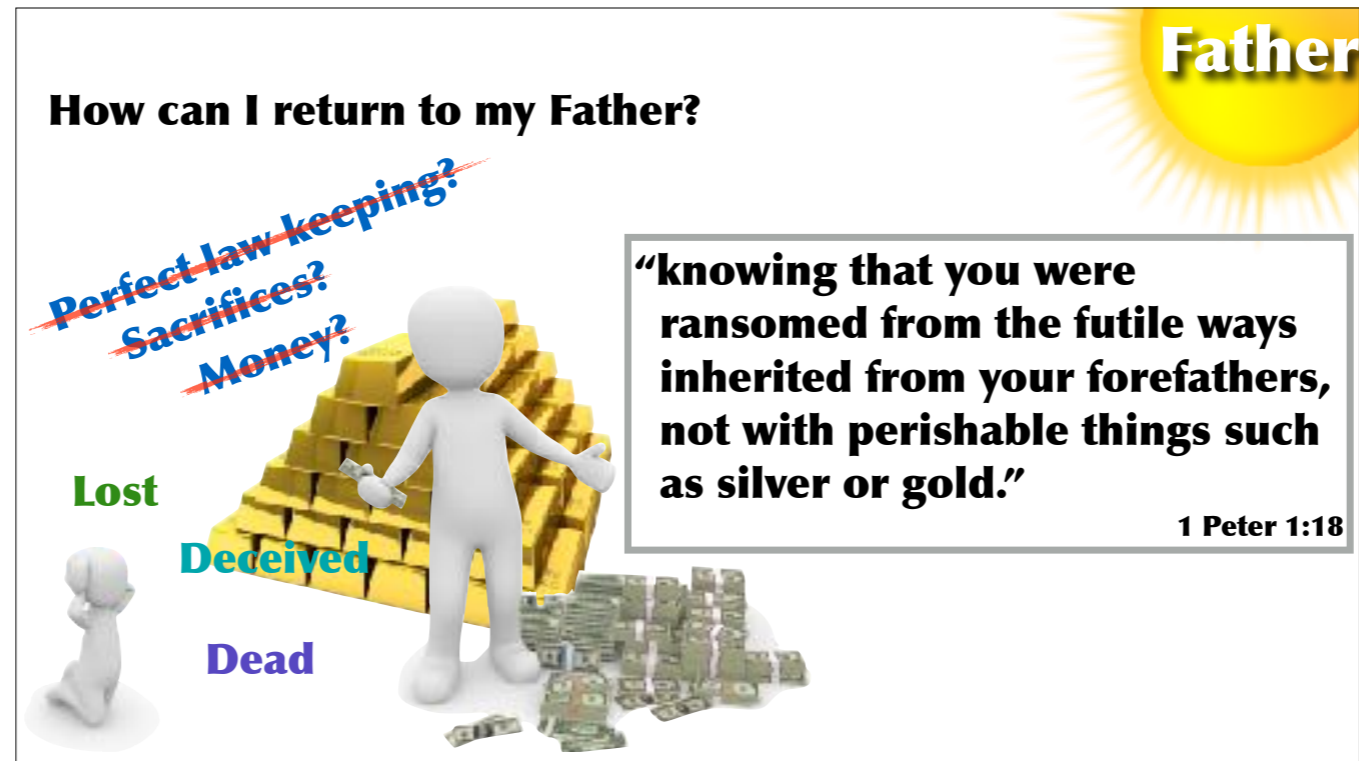
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**“knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold.”**

**1 Peter 1:18**



- Money
  - 1 Peter 1:18-19 (ESV) 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

**How can I return to my Father?**

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~~Good deeds?~~

**“not a result of works,  
so that no one may boast.”**  
Ephesians 2:9

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**HELP**

**Father**

- Good Deeds
  - by helping others, acts of kindness, going to church (being devout)
  - the good will outweigh the bad
- Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV) 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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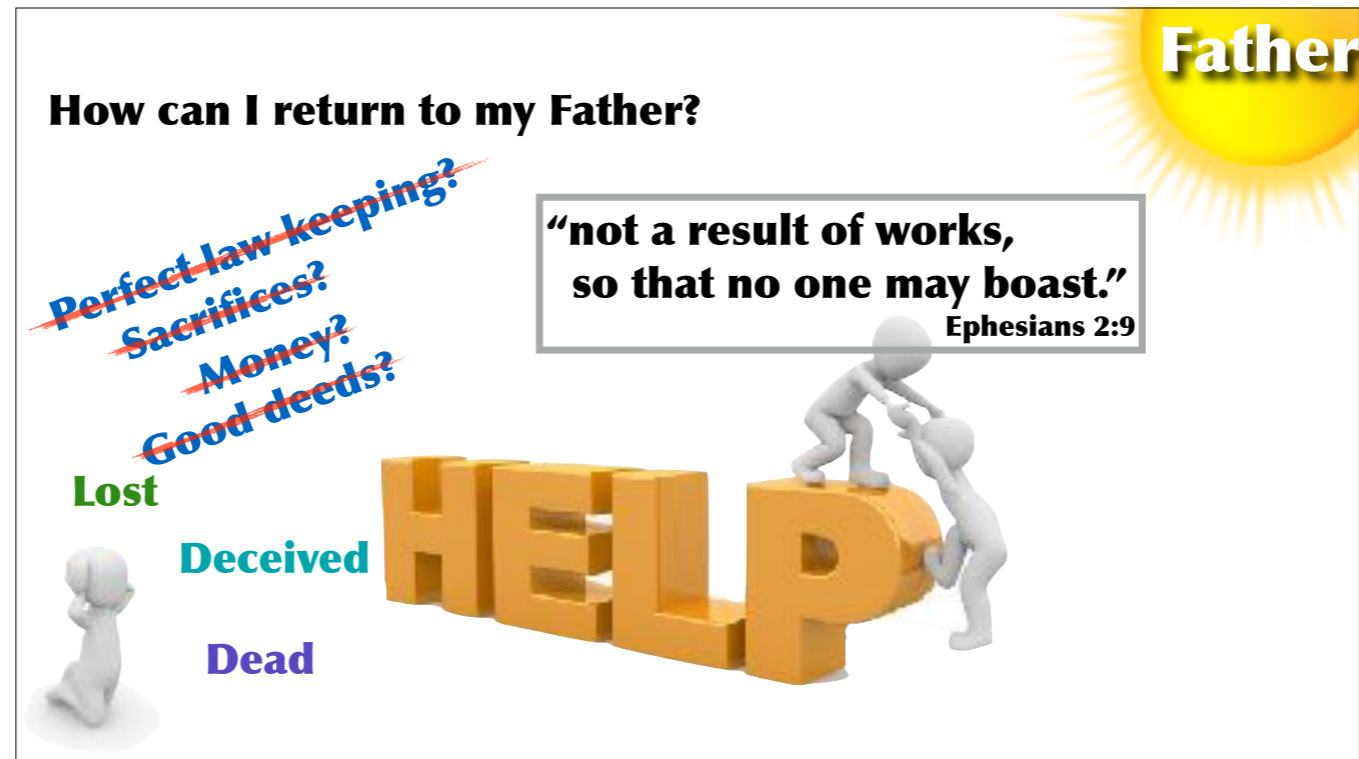
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- Colossians 2:16-19 (ESV) 16 Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. 17 These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. 18 Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, 19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

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- Understand that while these are all good things; in and of themselves, they cannot save us.

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- Our Father does want us to be obedient
  - John 14:15 (ESV) If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

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- He does desire sacrifices
  - 1 Peter 2:5 (ESV) you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, **to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**



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- He expects us to use money correctly
  - 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (ESV) 17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

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- He expect us to do do good
  - Ephesians 2:10 (ESV) 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
- Necessary because of who we are, His children, but do not save us.

**How can I return to my Father?**

**Father**

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**John 14:6**

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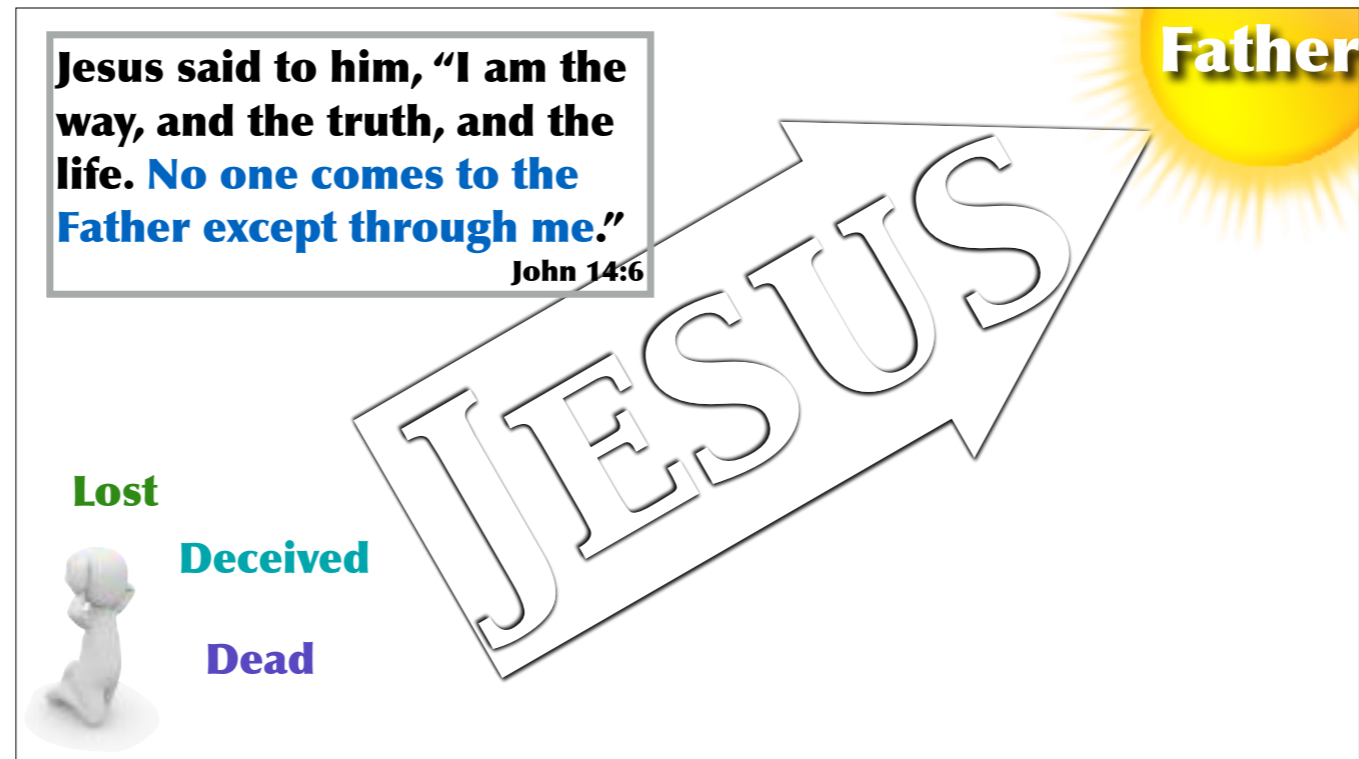
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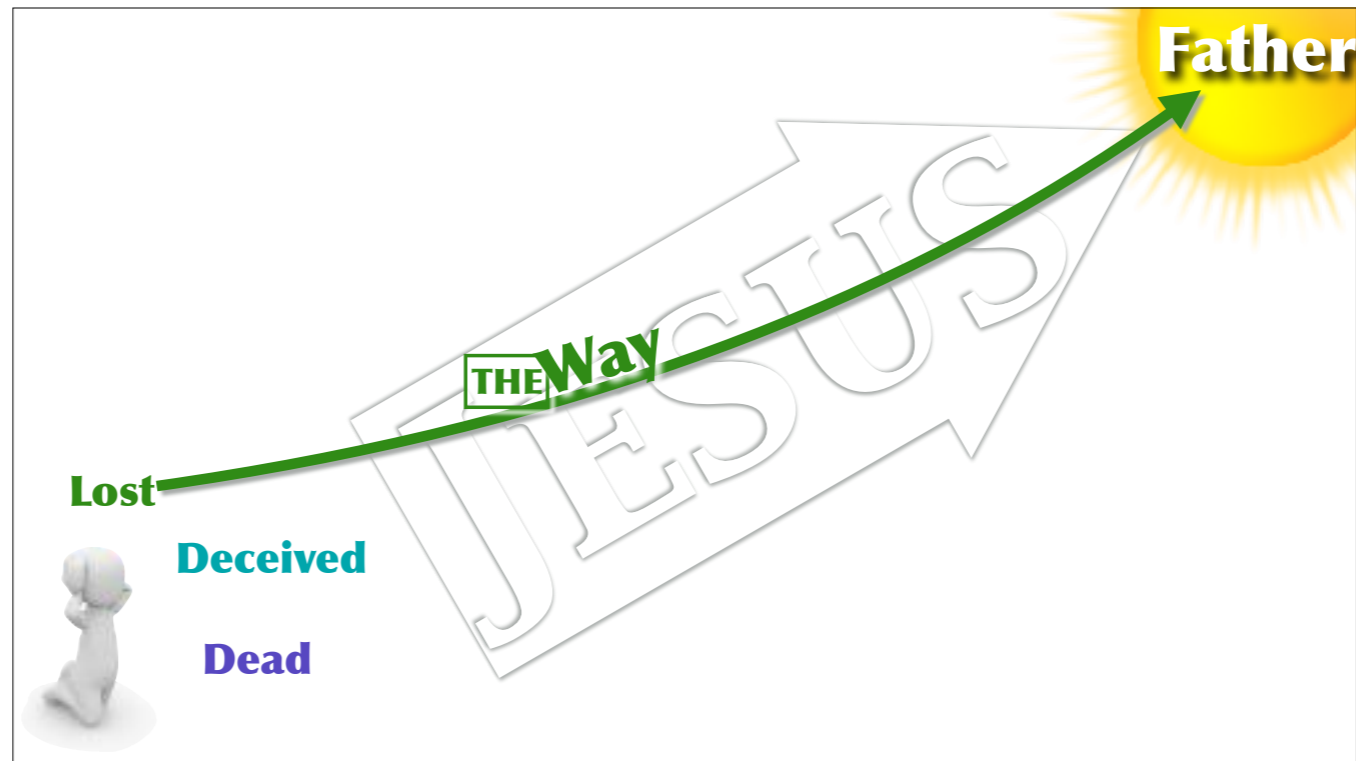
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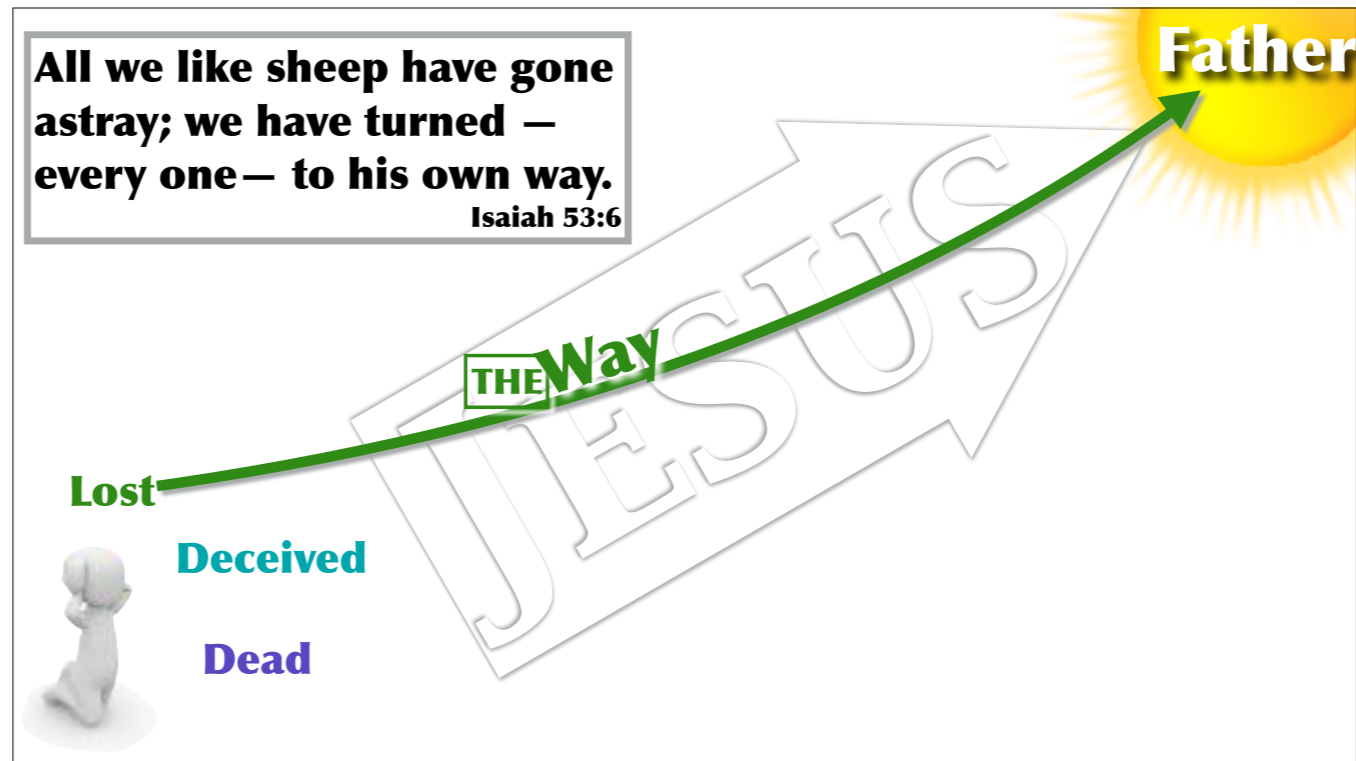
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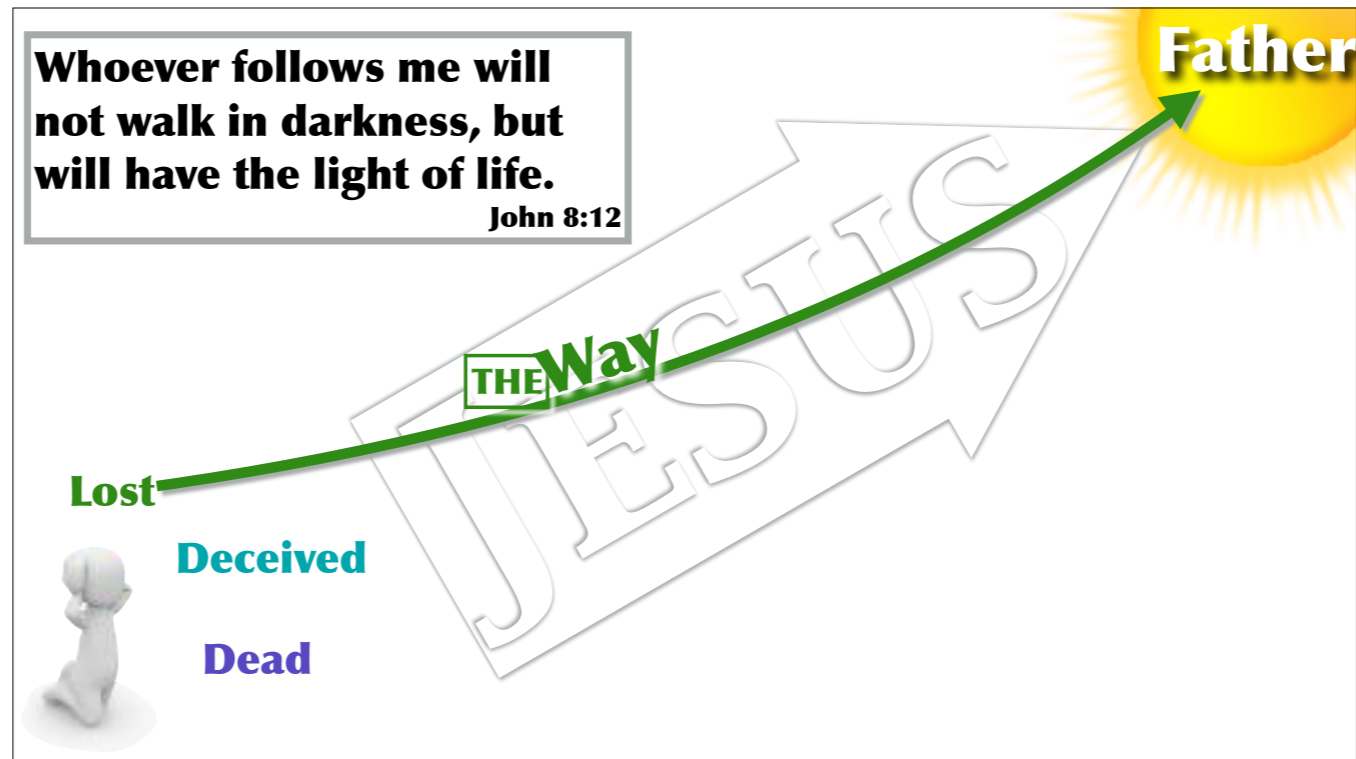
- This is an incredibly positive statement!
  - We can come to the Father.
  - We can return to our God.
  - We can be reconciled.
  - And Jesus has provided Himself as our Redeemer to bring us back Home!



- I am the way
  - Jesus does not say that he is “a” way
    - As if there are multiple choices, like world and Satan would have us believe
  - Jesus does not say that he is “showing” the way
    - He’s not just a guide, or a discoverer, or inventor.
  - >THE way



- Following our own way... lost
  - Isaiah 53:6 (ESV) All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.



- Walking in Darkness
  - John 8:12 (ESV) Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”



**If a man has a 100 sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the 99 on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?**  
Matthew 18:12

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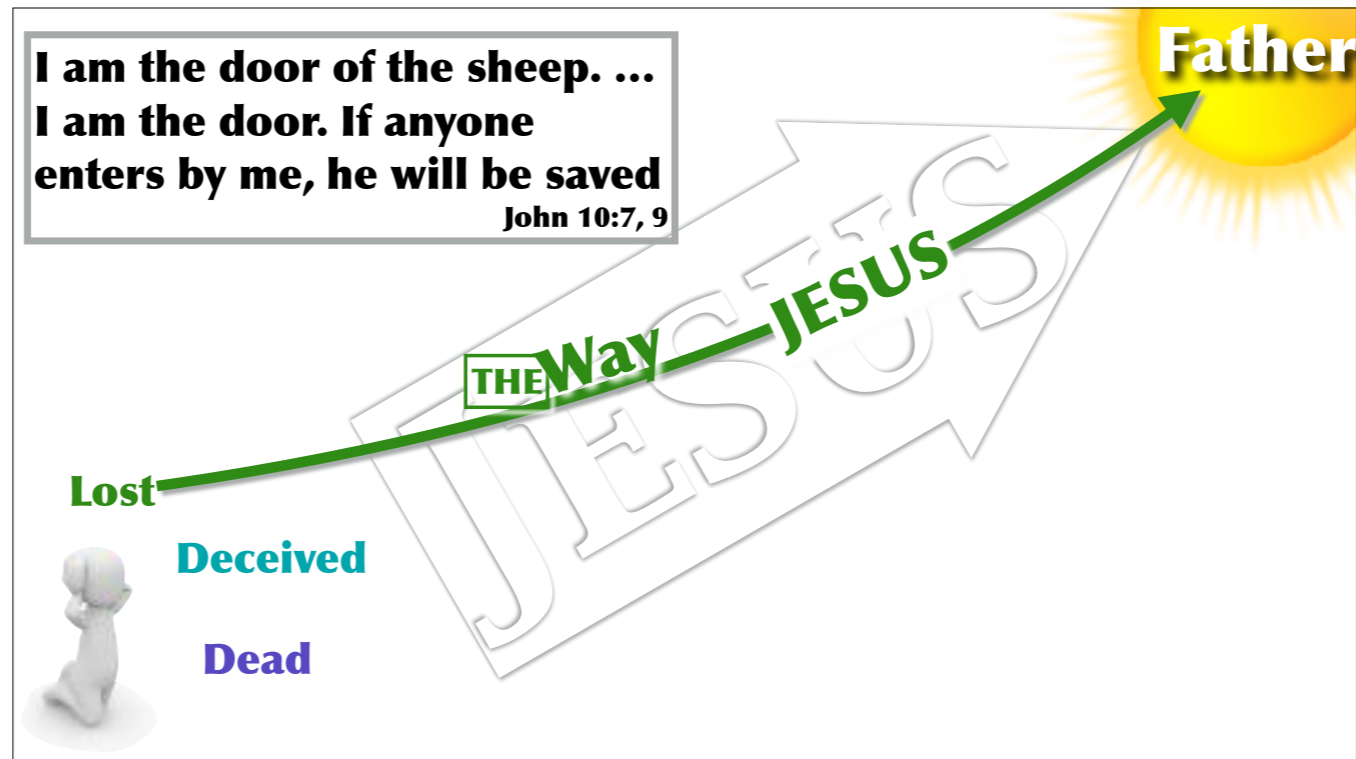
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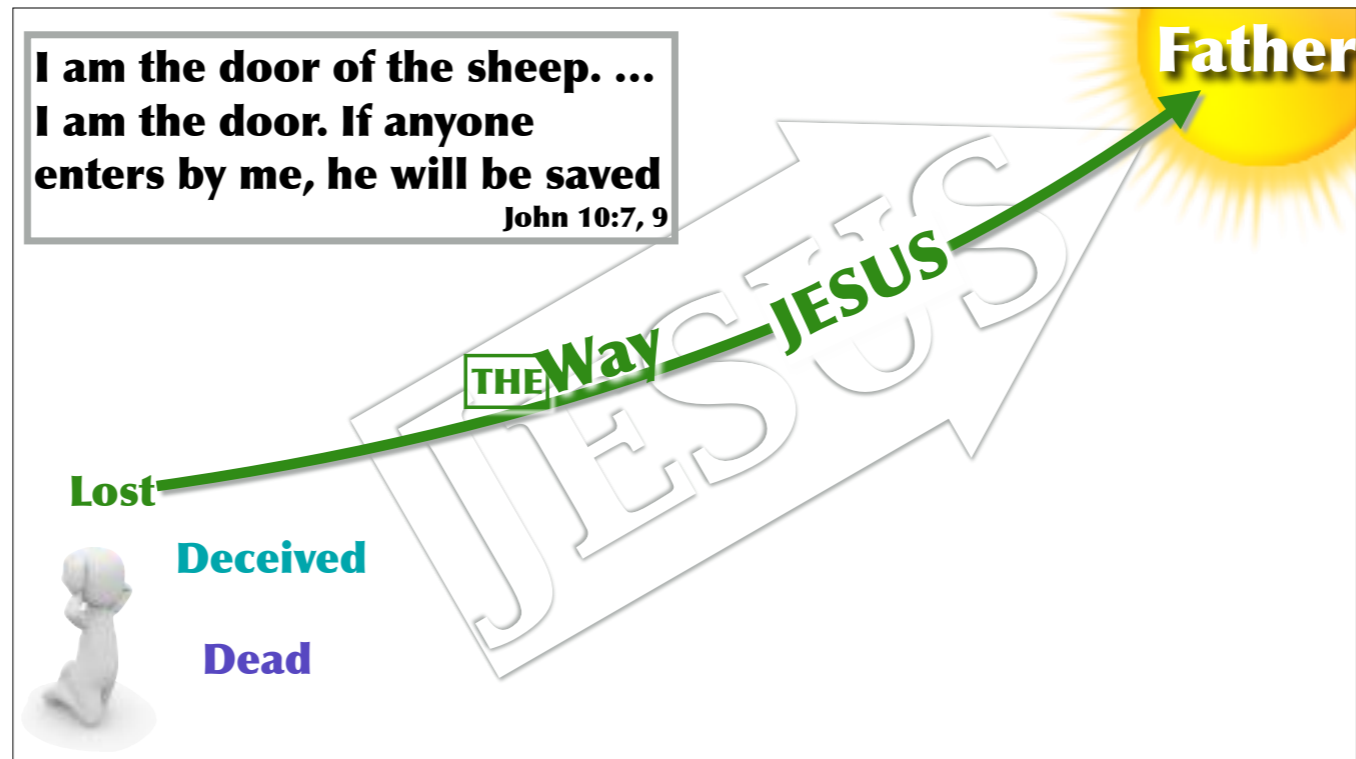
**THE Way**

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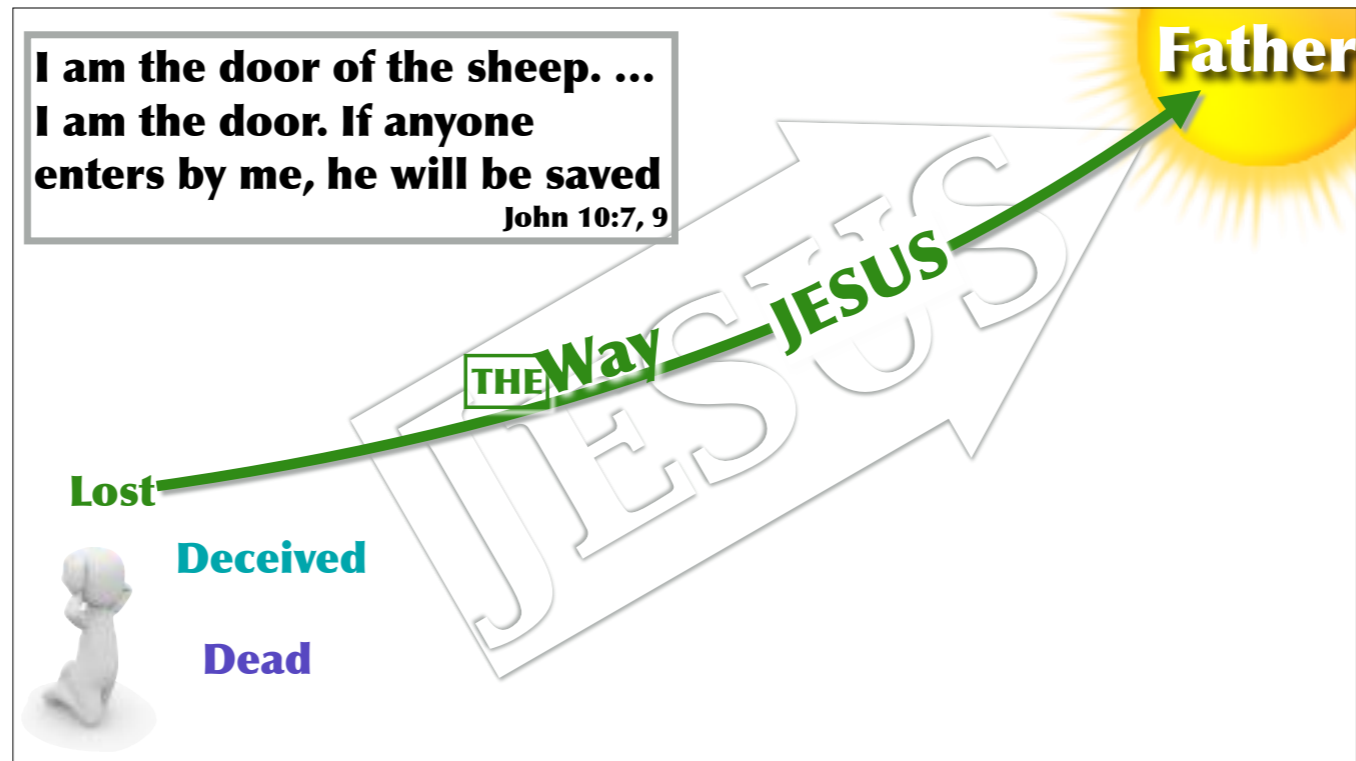
- Matthew 18:12-14 (ESV) 12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? 13 And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. 14 So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.



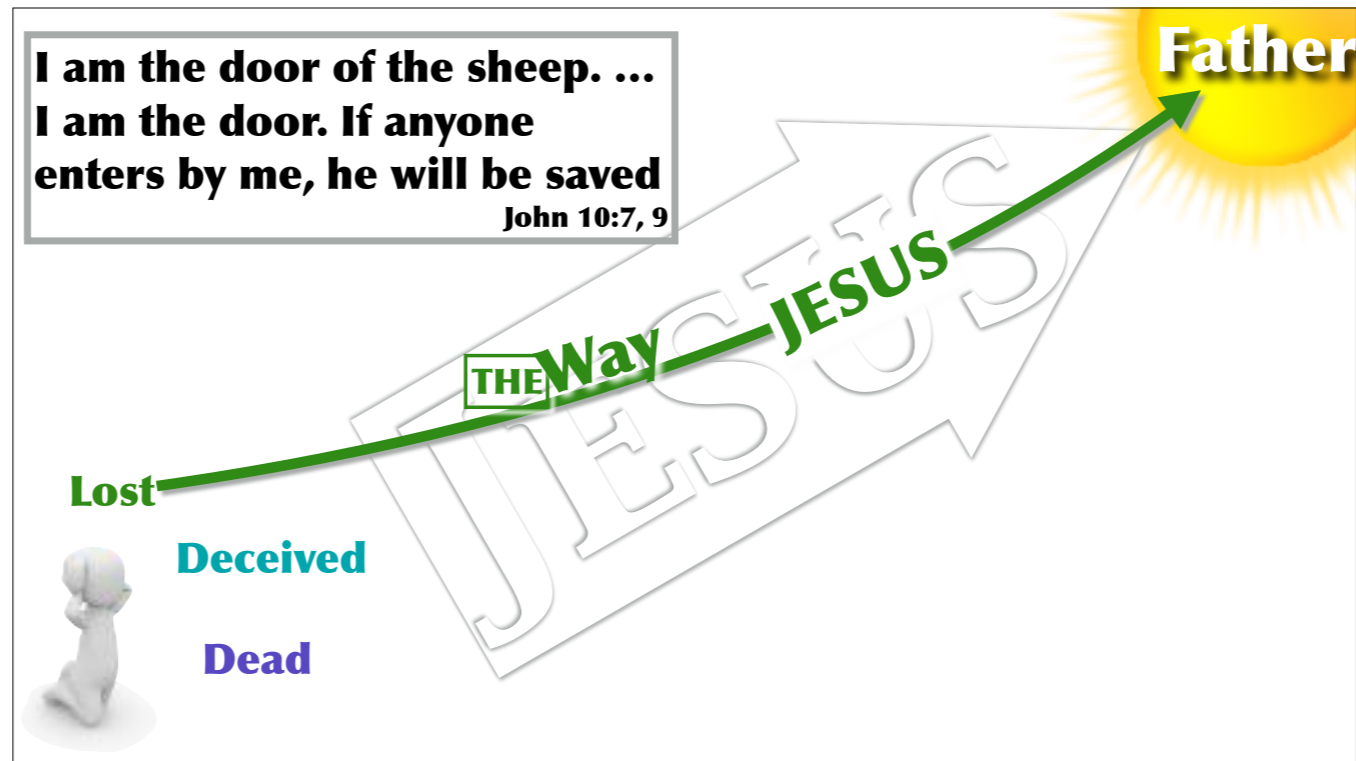
- Jesus: The Way for Lost Sheep (7-18; 27)
  - John 10:7-18 (ESV) 7 So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **I am the door of the sheep.** 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 **I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.**



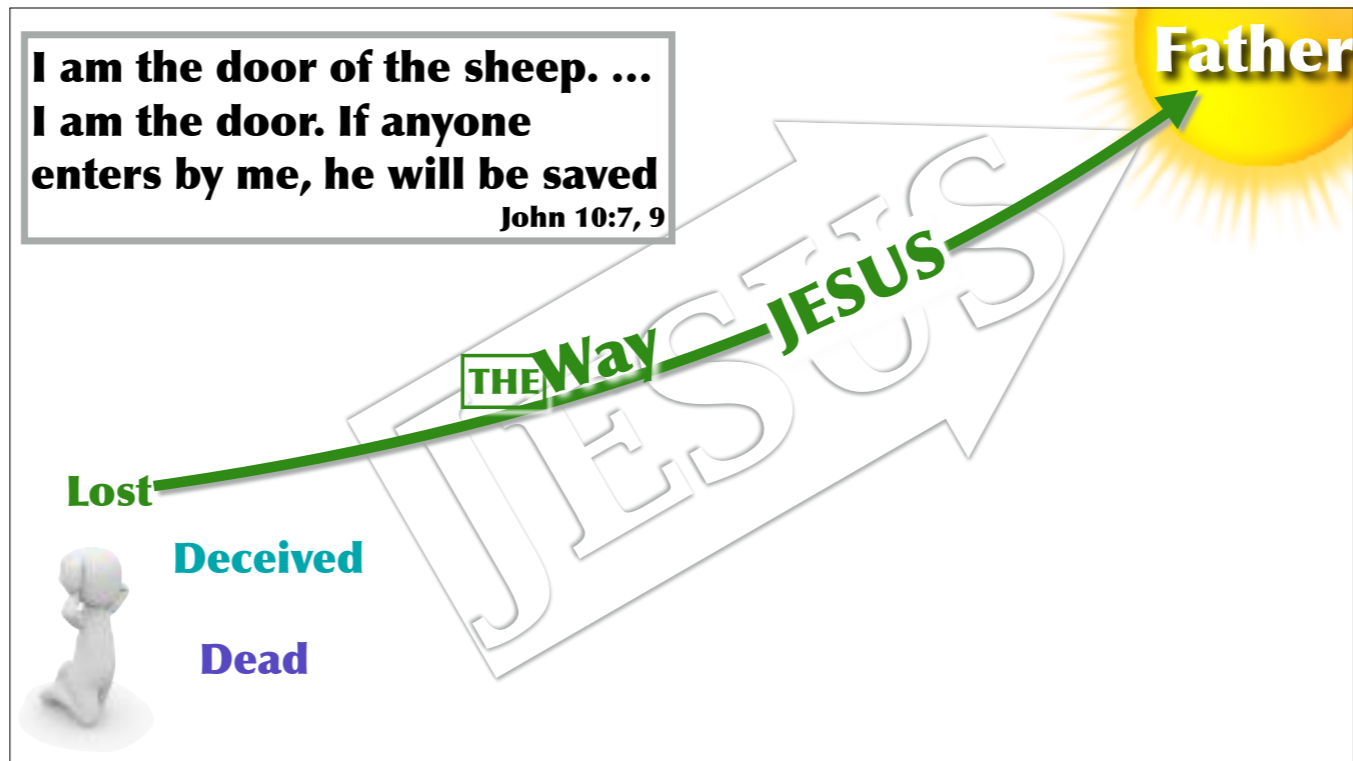
- 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. **I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.** 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.



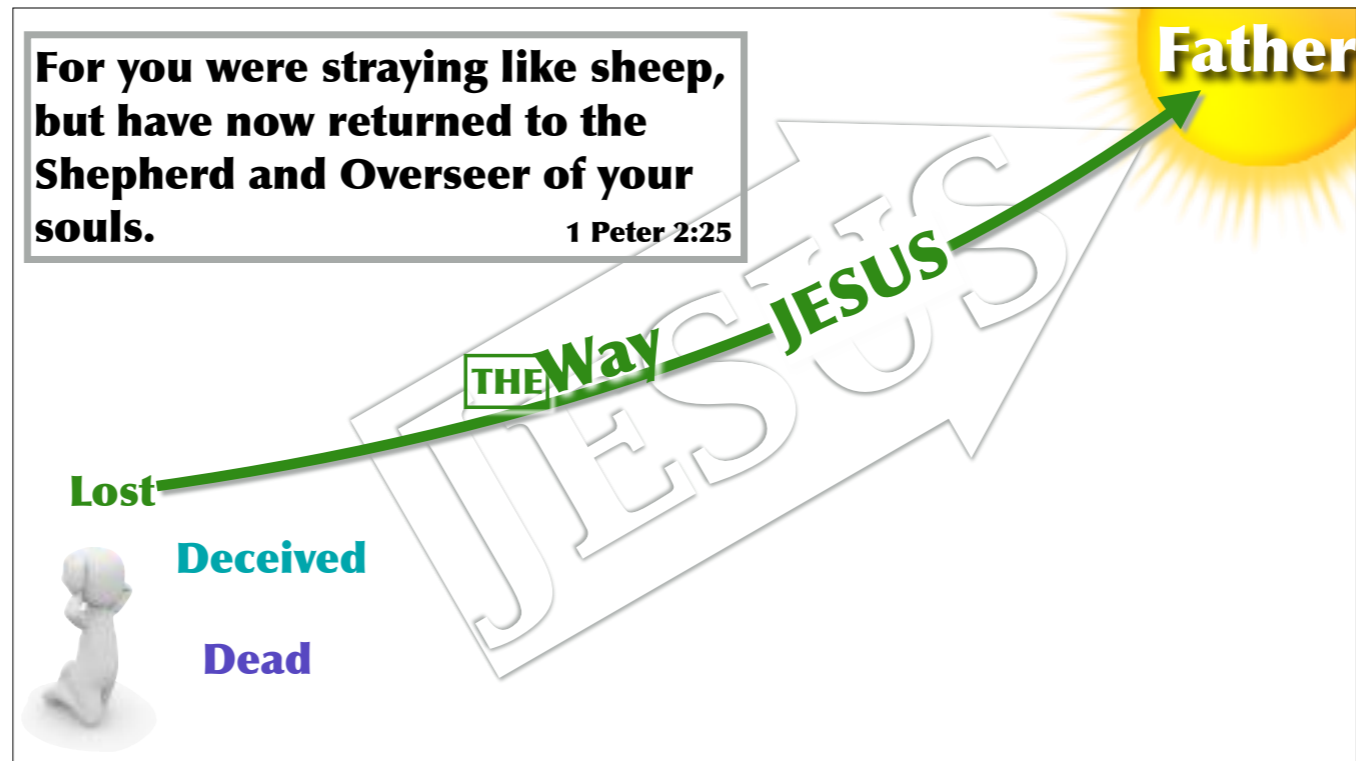
- 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 **I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,** 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and **I lay down my life for the sheep.**



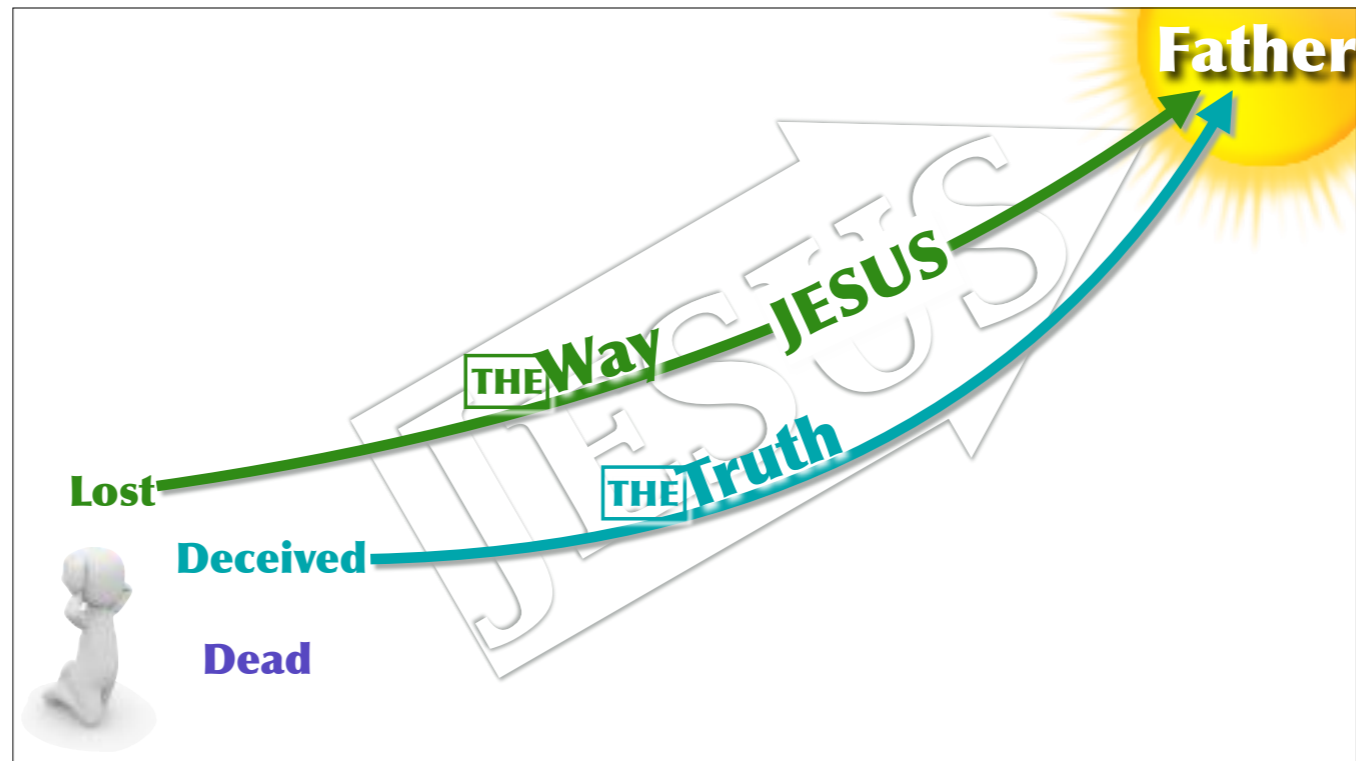
- 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.



- John 10:27 (ESV) **My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.**

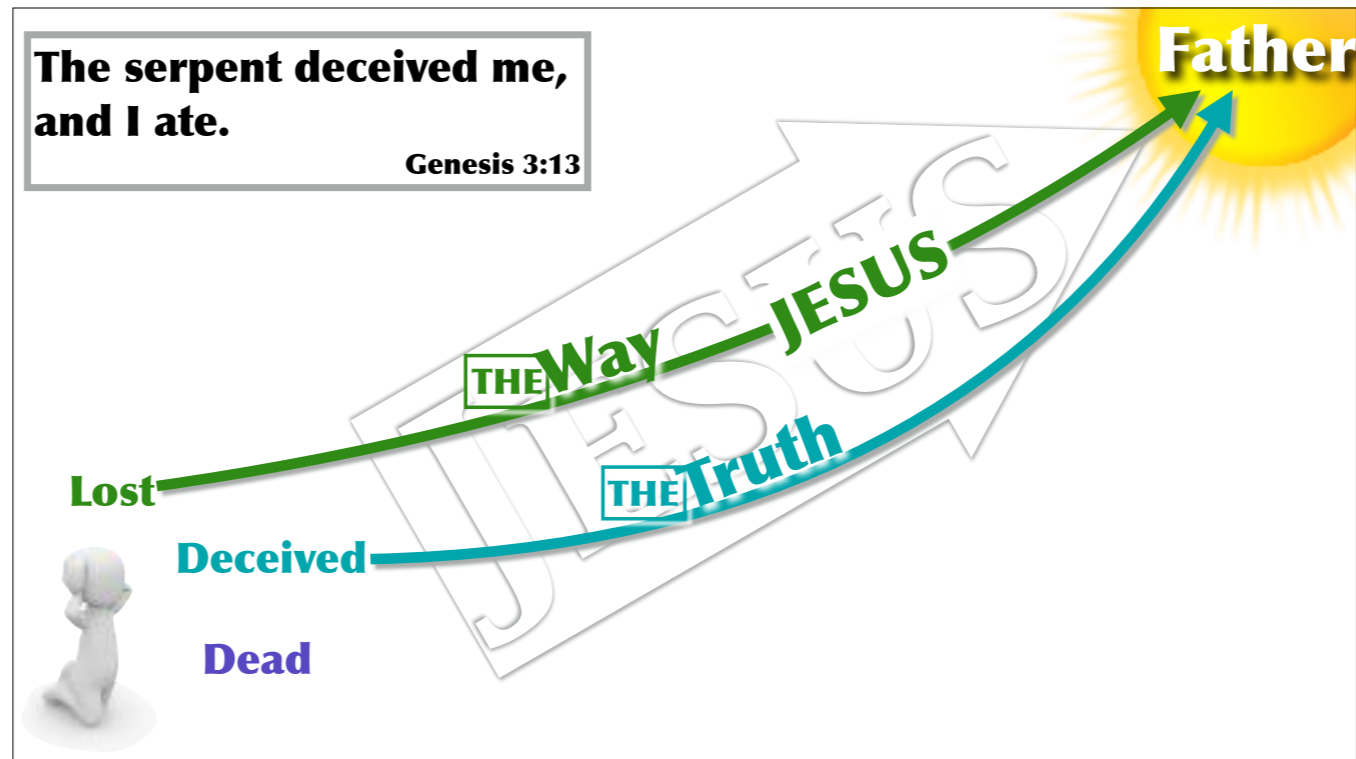


- 1 Peter 2:24-25 (ESV) He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 25 **For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.**

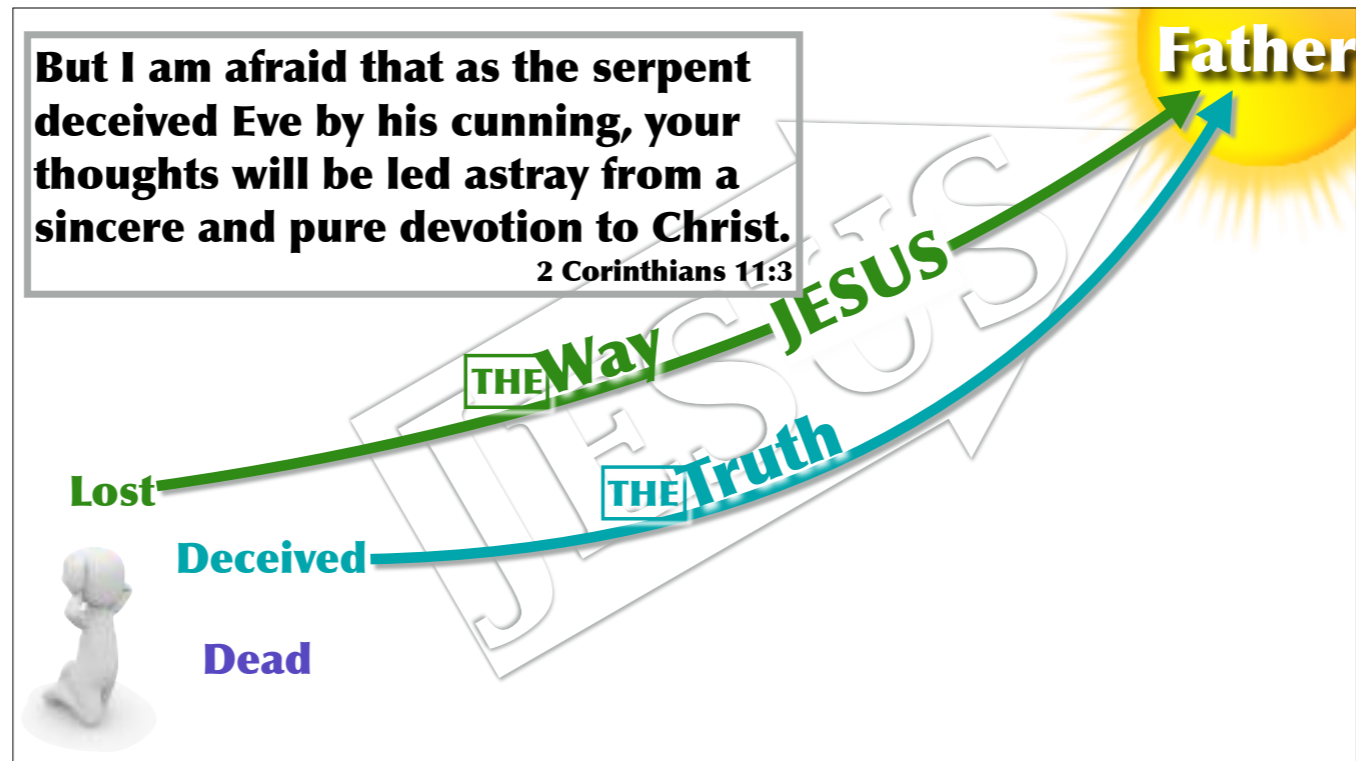


- I am the truth.
  - Not “a” truth: as if there were many truths to choose from
    - “there are no absolutes”
  - Not merely “revealing” truth
    - certainly in a sense, but more
  - The Truth

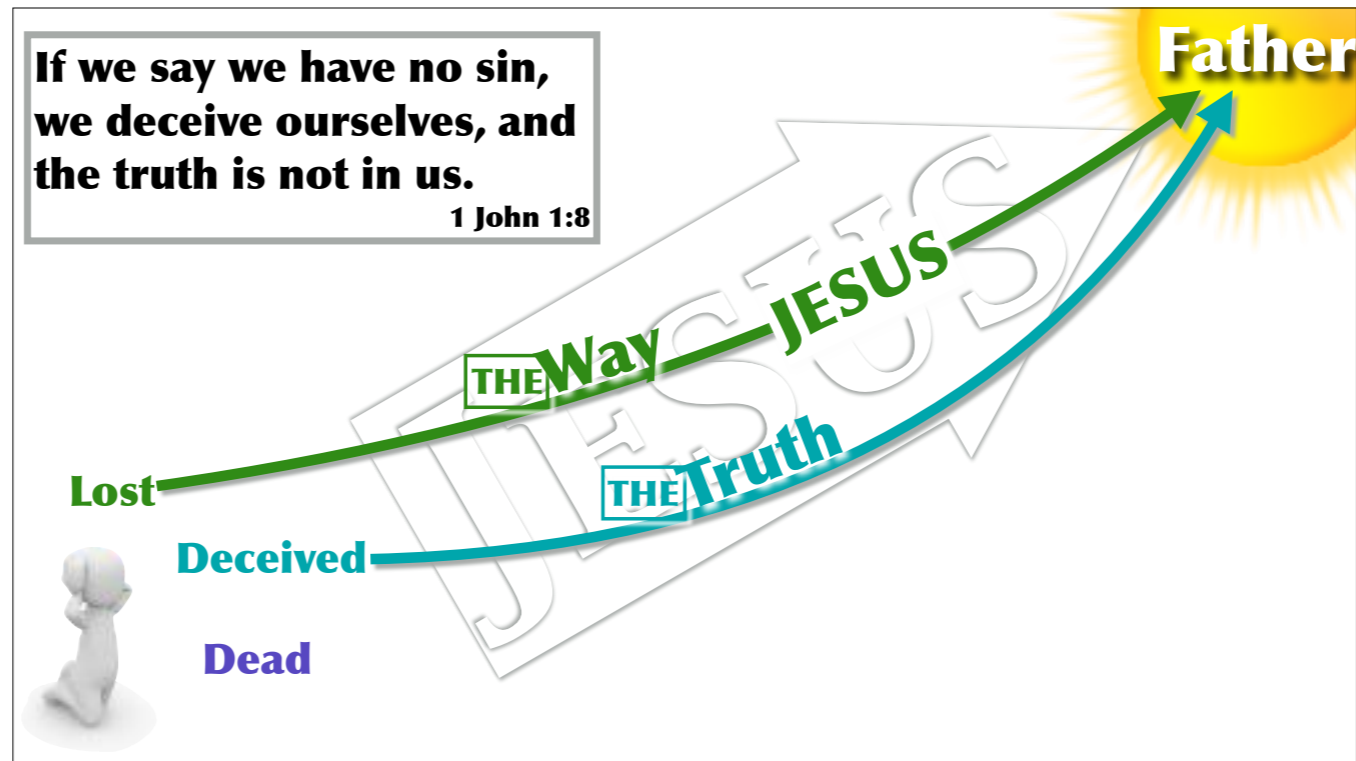




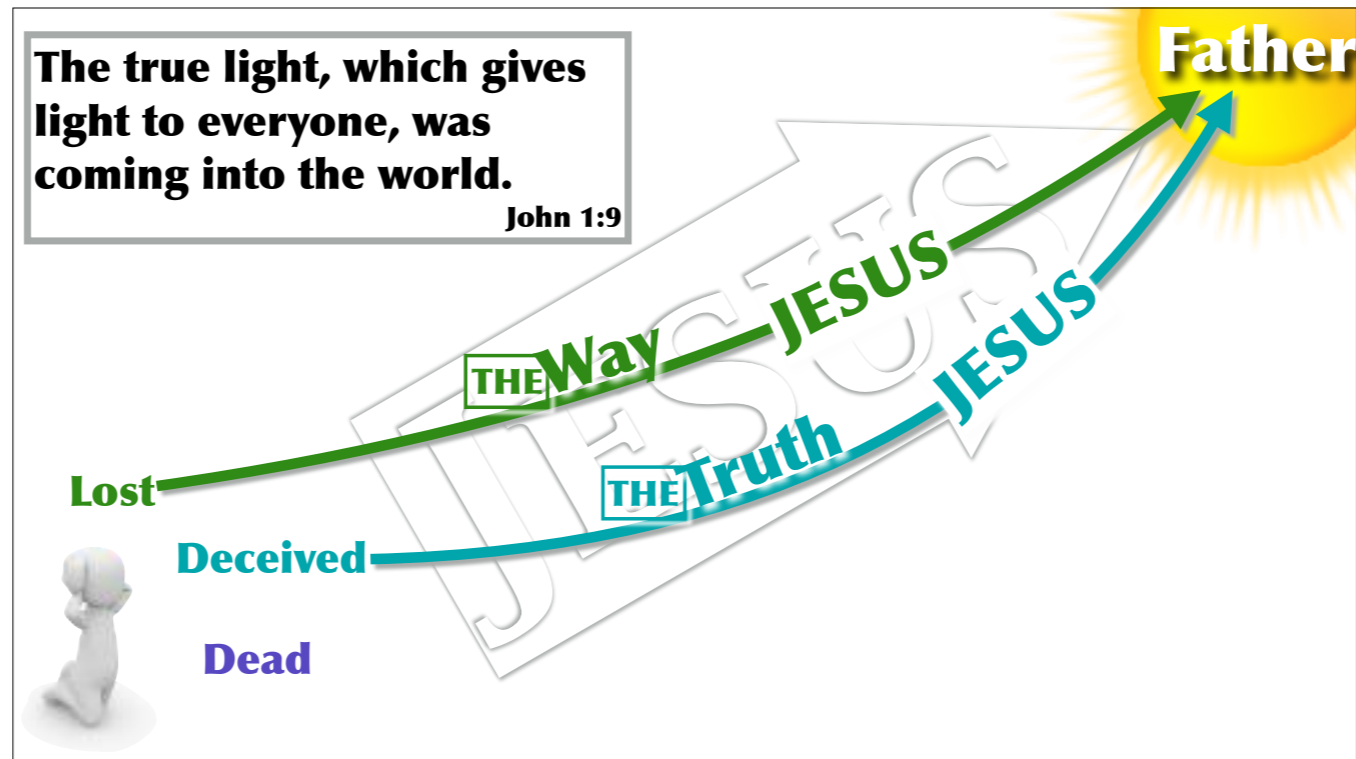
- Deceived
- Genesis 3:13: Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”
- Revelation: And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.



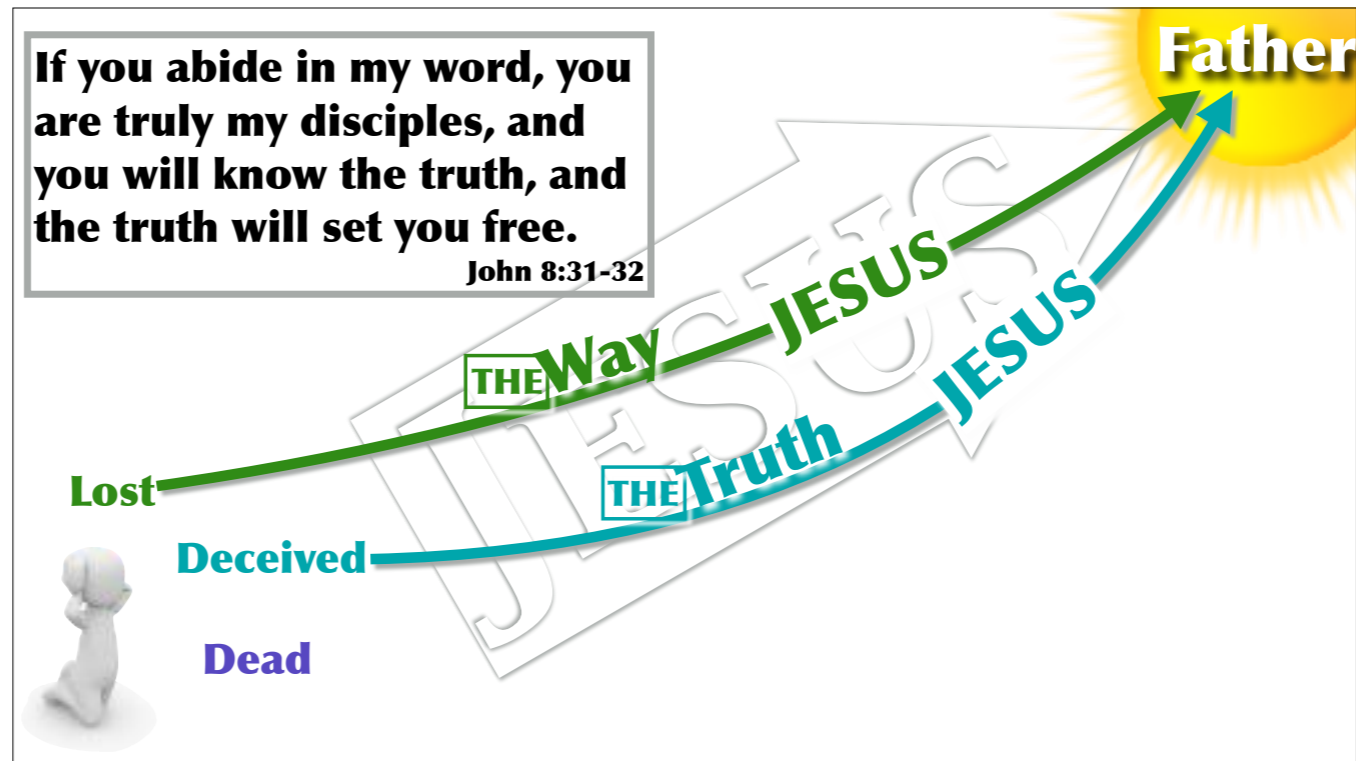
- 2 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV) But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.



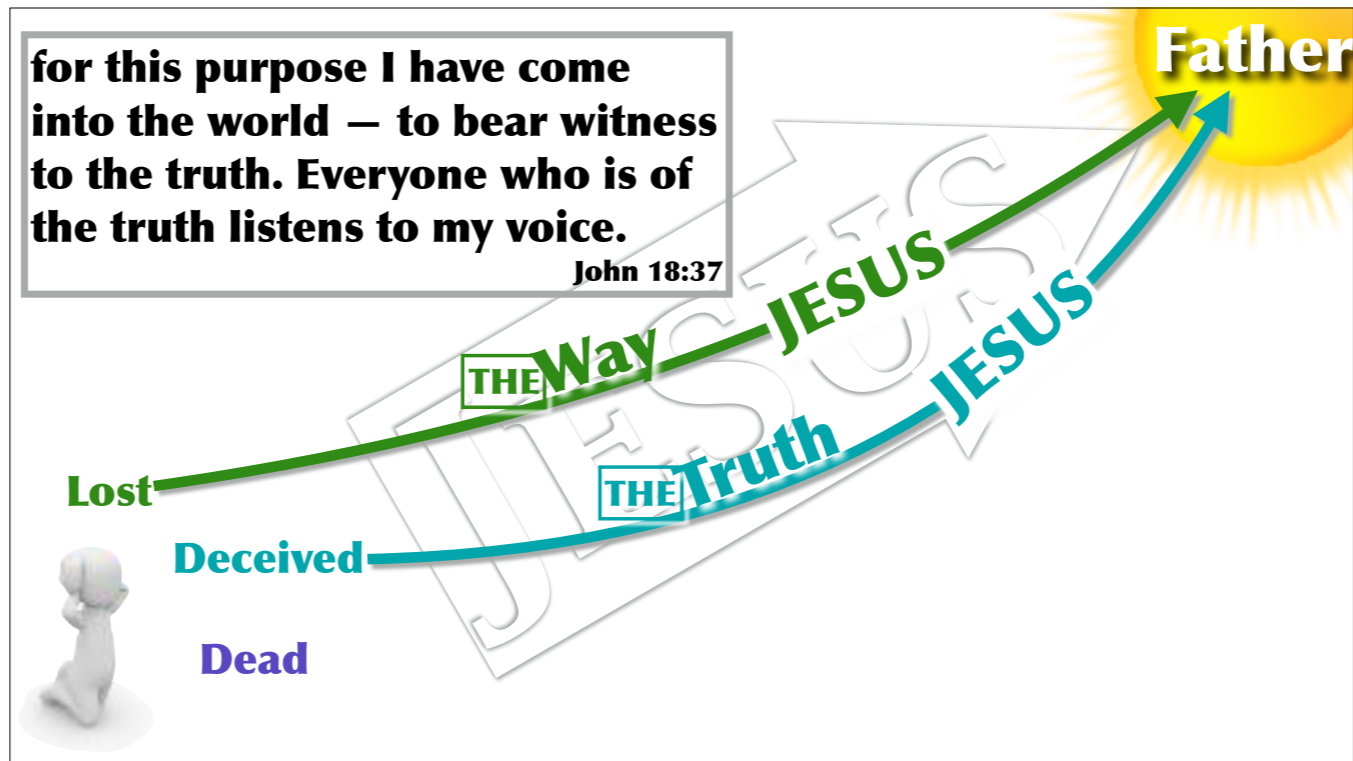
- 1 John 1:8 (ESV) If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.



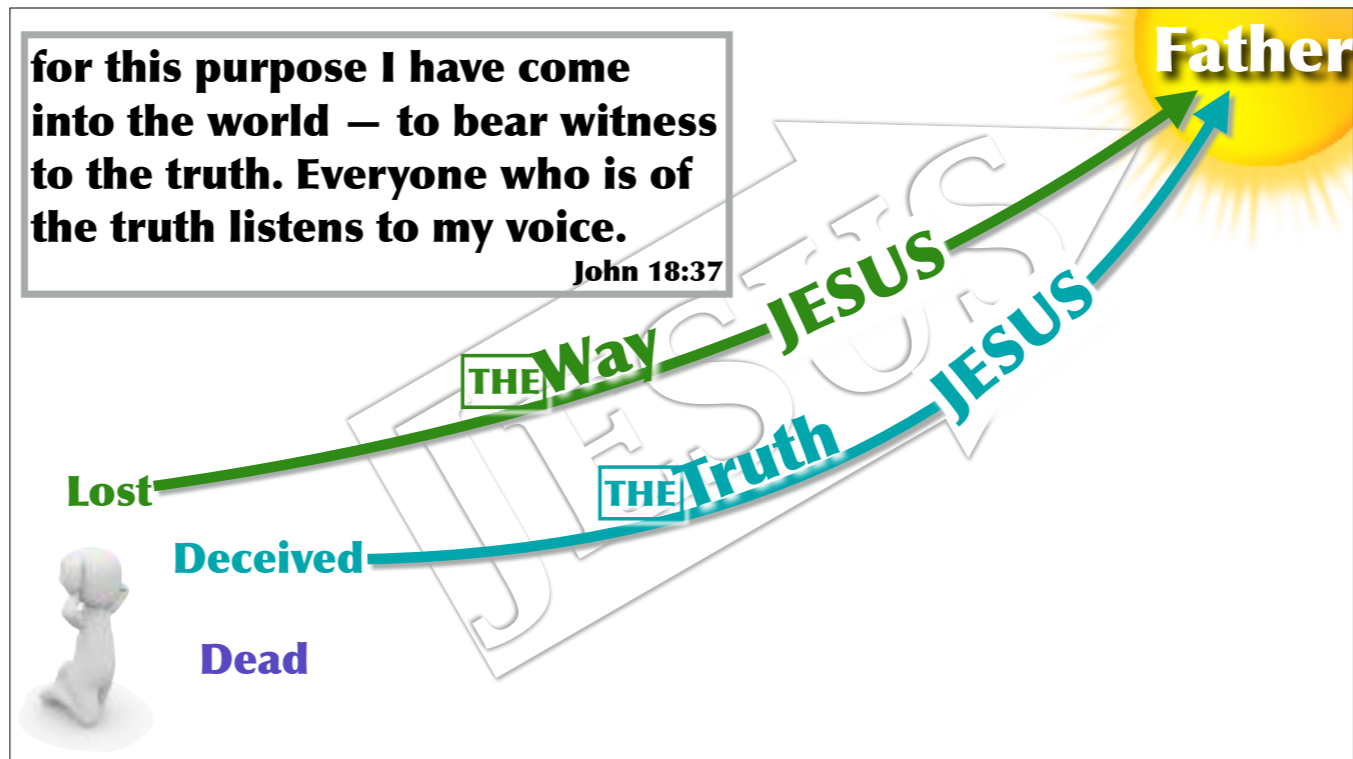
- Truth
  - John 1:9 (ESV) The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.



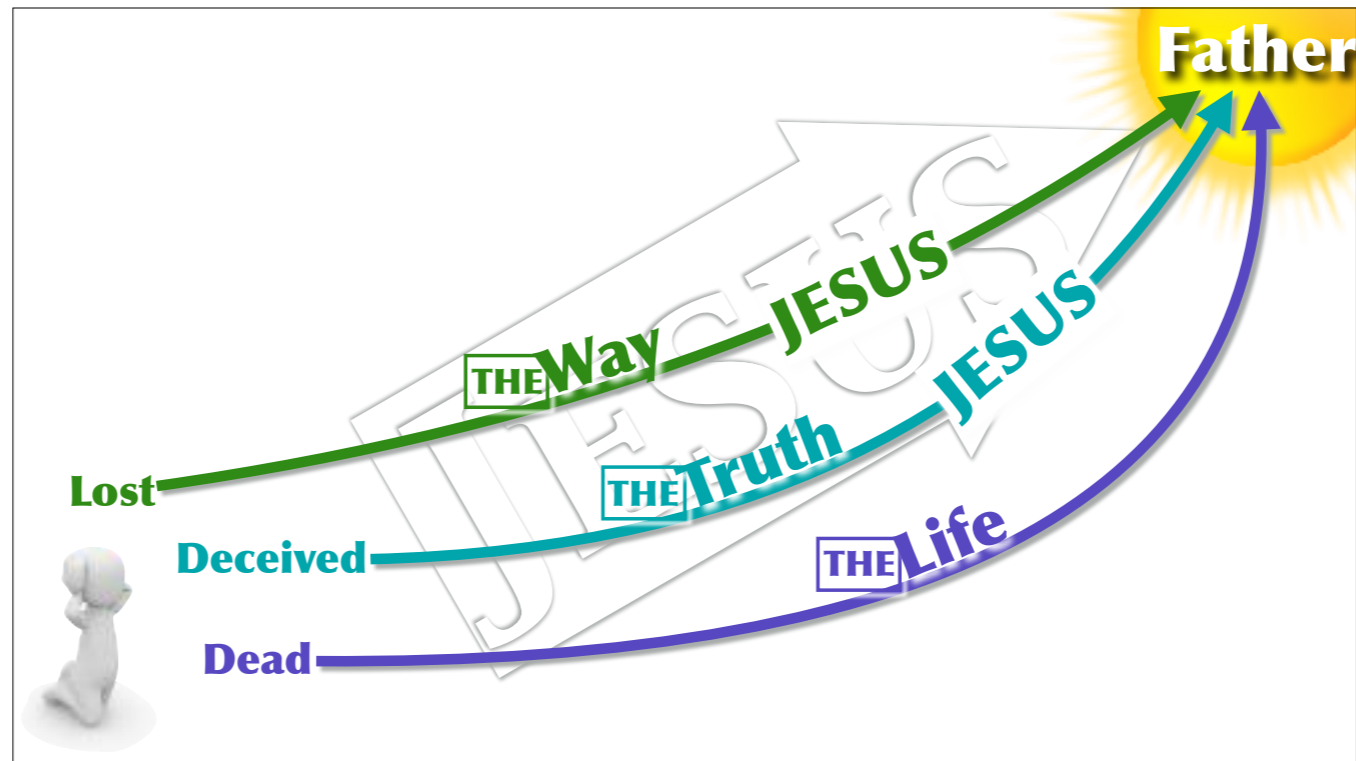
- John 8:31-32 (ESV) 31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”



- John 18:37-38 (ESV) 37 Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” 38 Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

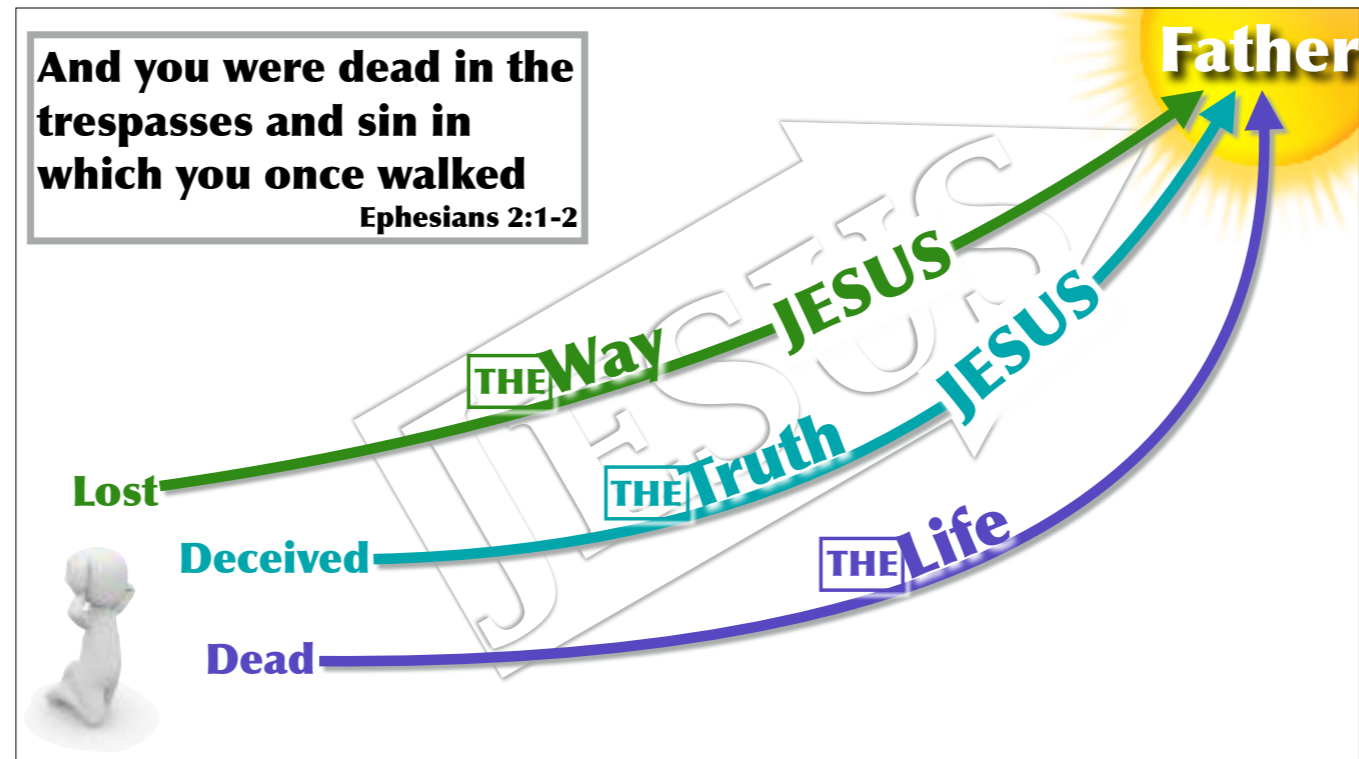


- Don't be like Pilate: dismissive? arrogant? ignorant? argumentative?
- What is truth? JESUS!!!

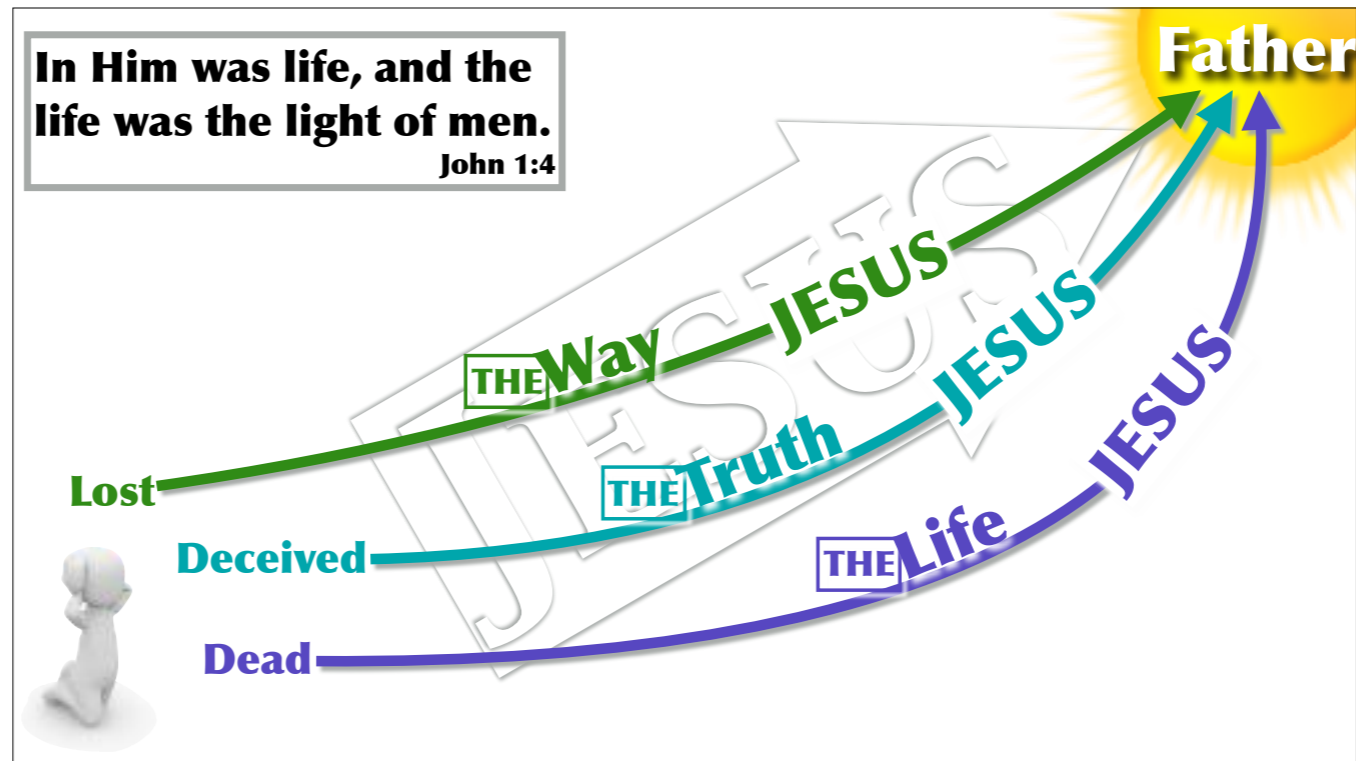


- I am the life.
  - not “a” life
    - not physical, rather eternal
  - not “give” life
  - >The Life

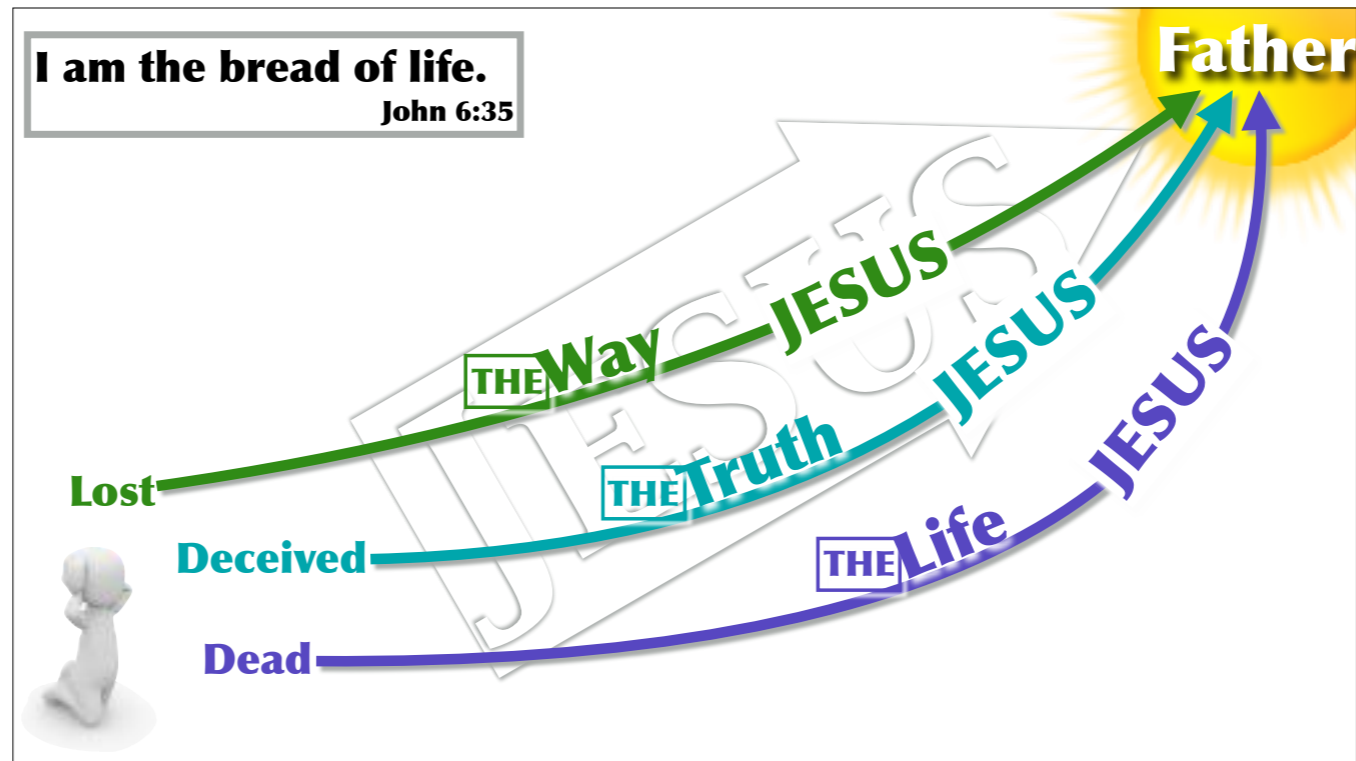




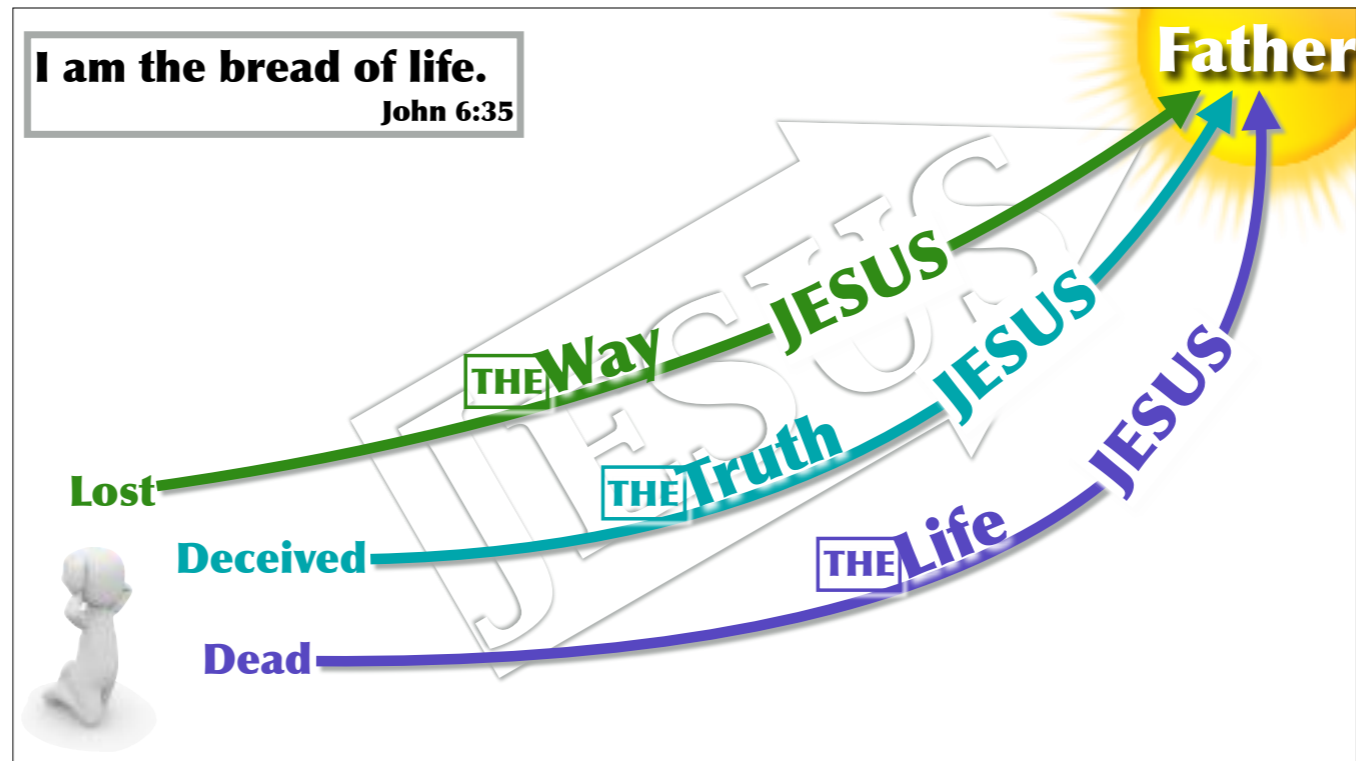
- Dead
  - Ephesians 2:1-6 (ESV) And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,



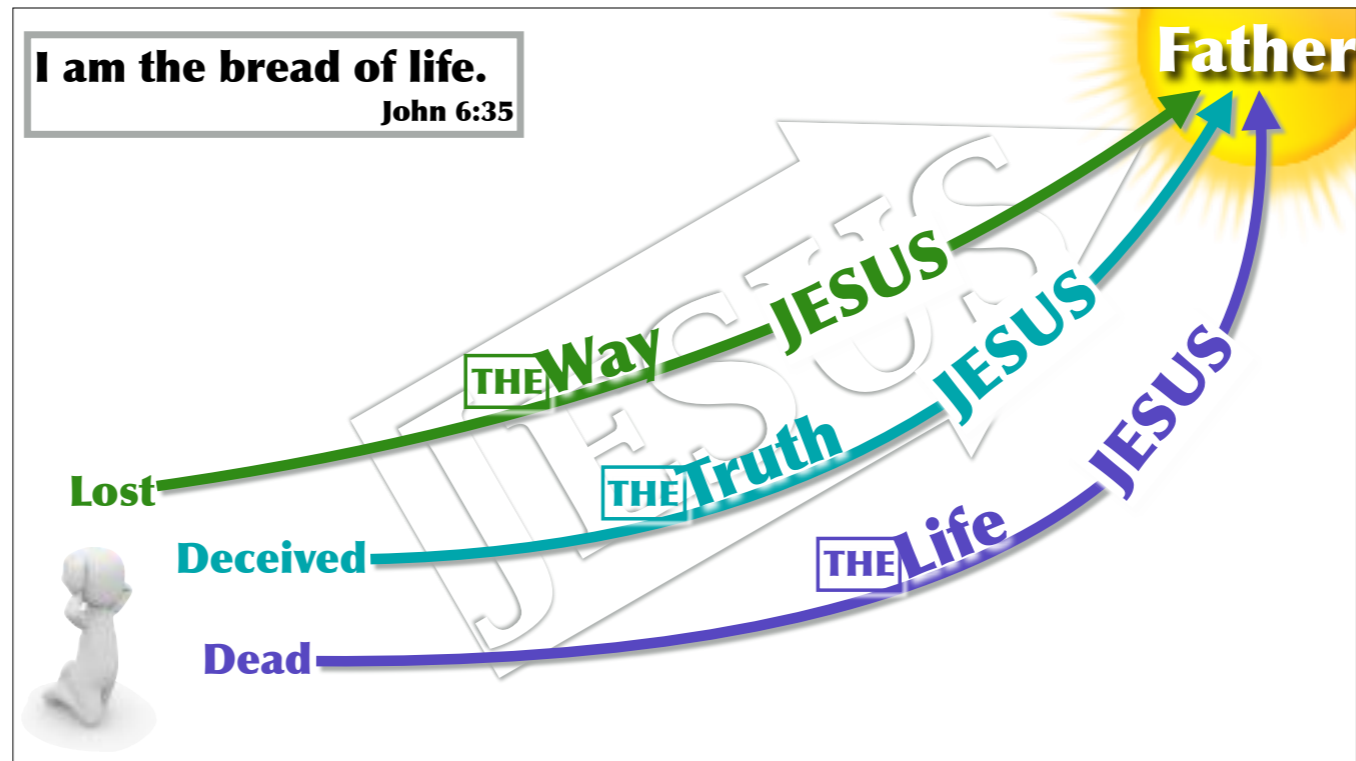
- Life
  - John 1:4 (ESV) In him was life, and the life was the light of men.



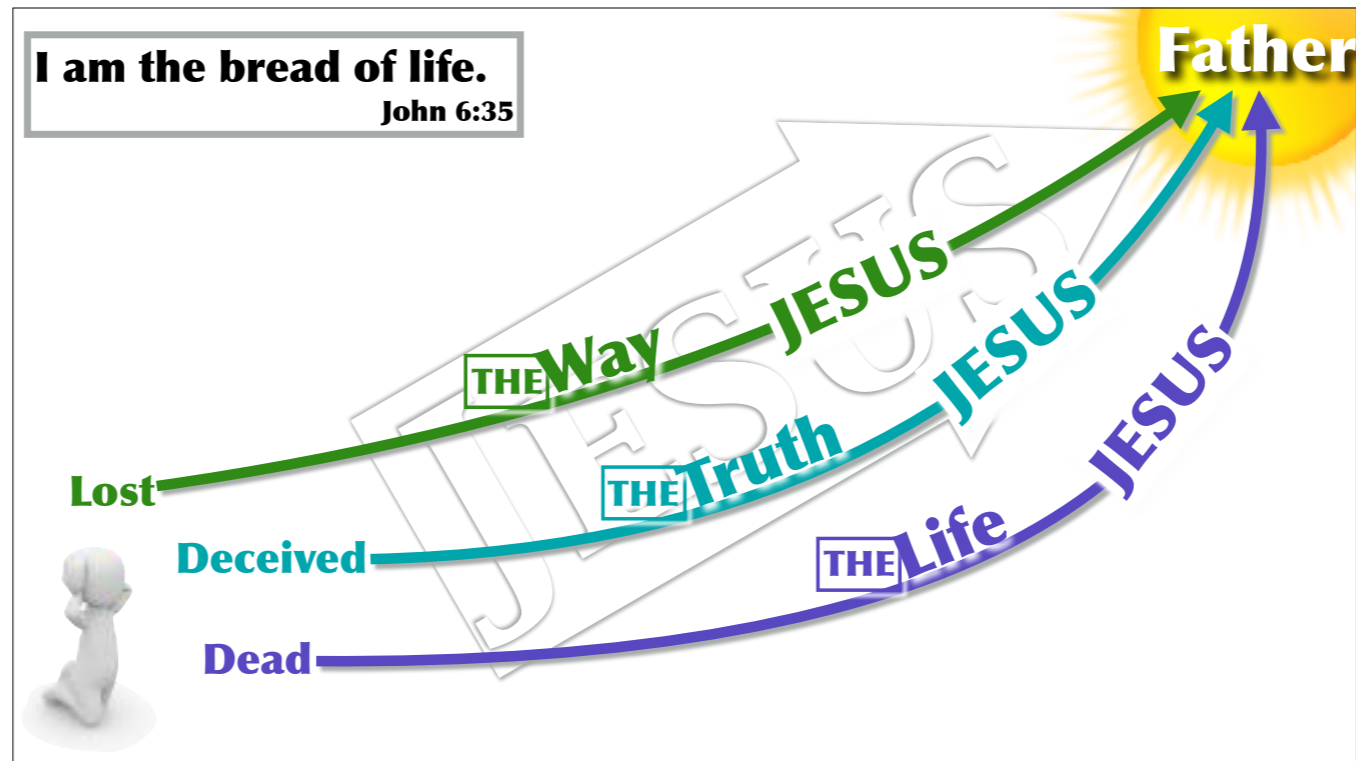
- John 6:33 (ESV) For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.“
- John 6:35 (ESV) 35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.



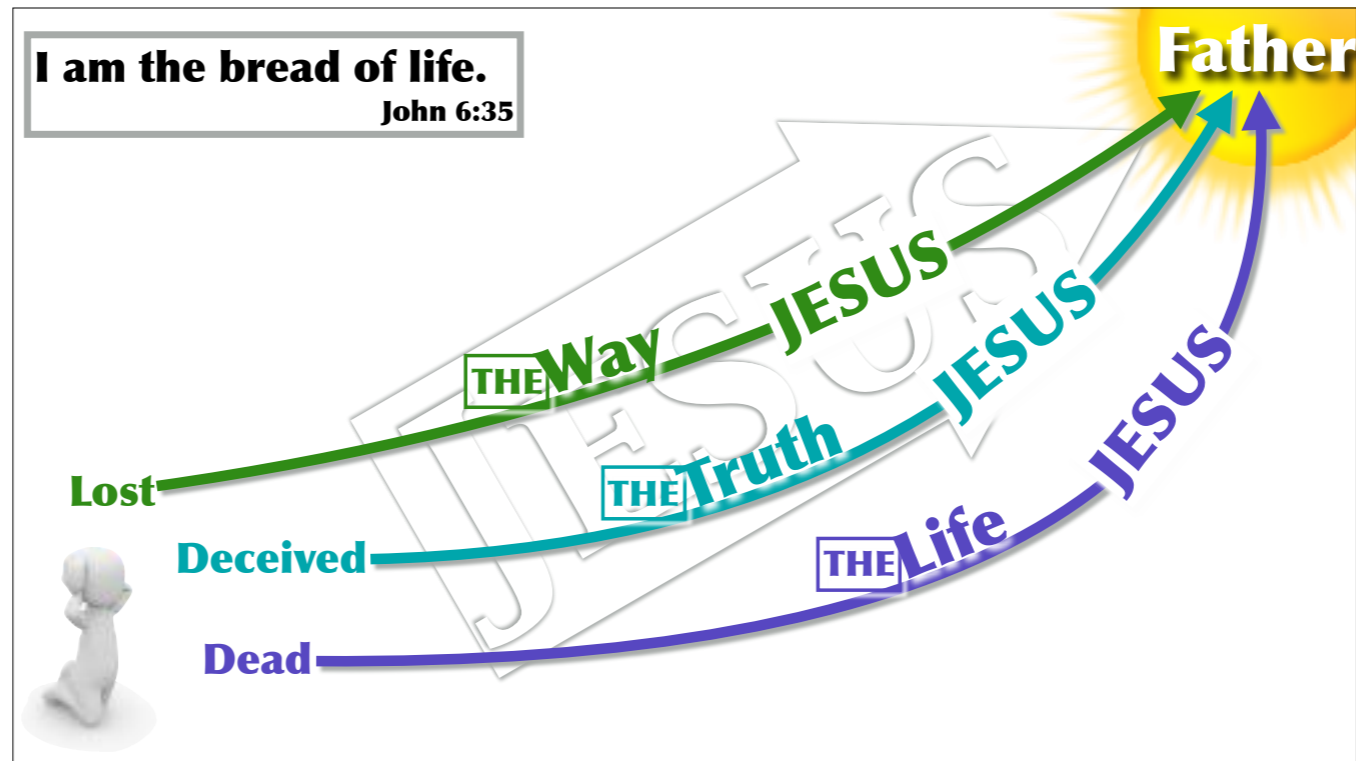
- John 6:40 (ESV) For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.“
- John 6:47-48 (ESV) 47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life.



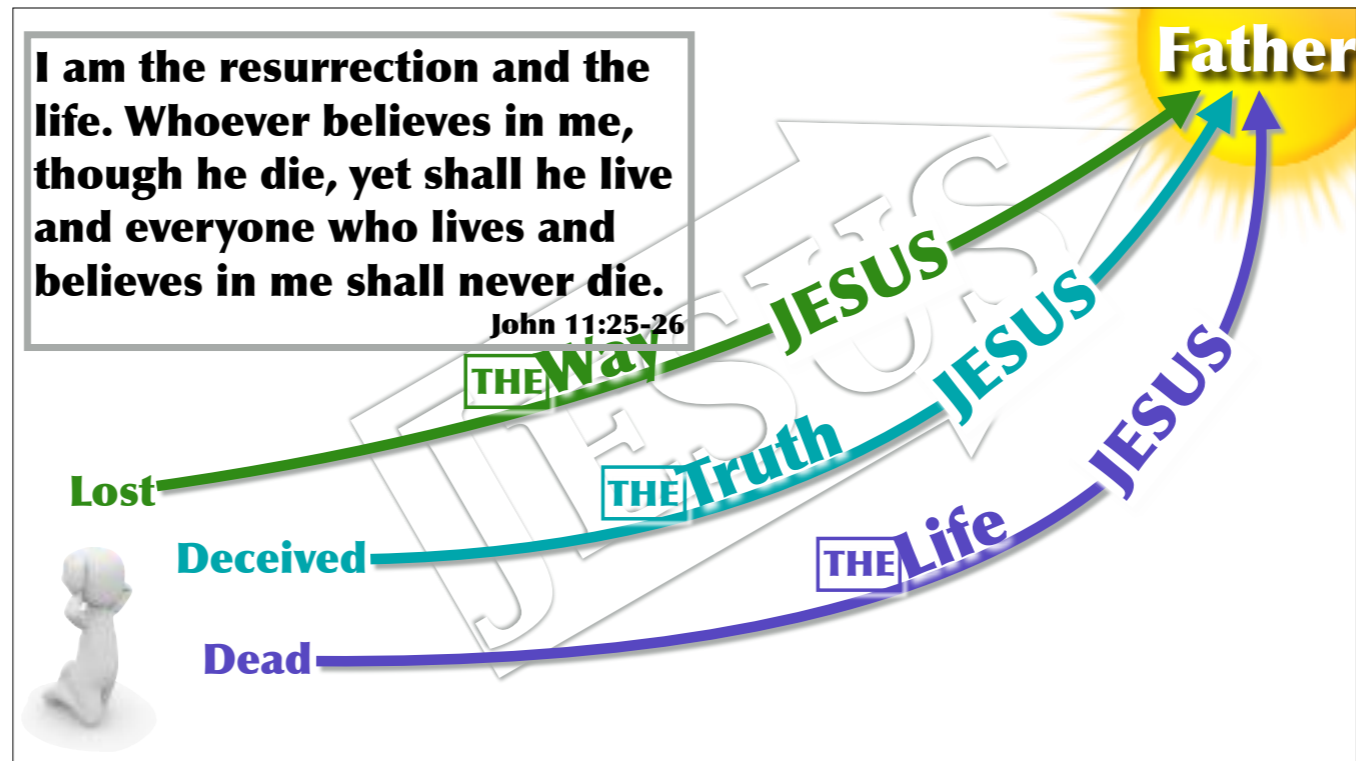
- John 6:49-51 (ESV) Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.“



- John 6:53-58 (ESV) 53 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. 55 For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

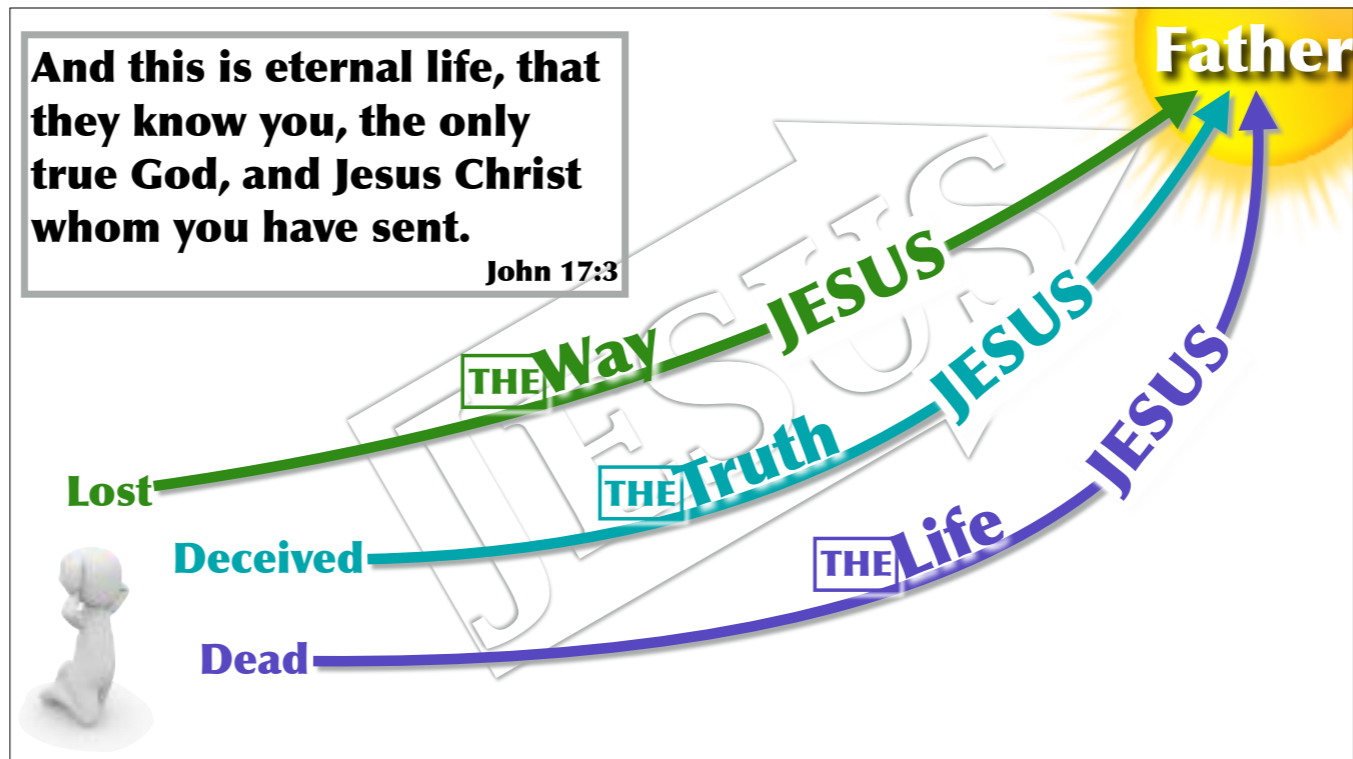


- 56 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

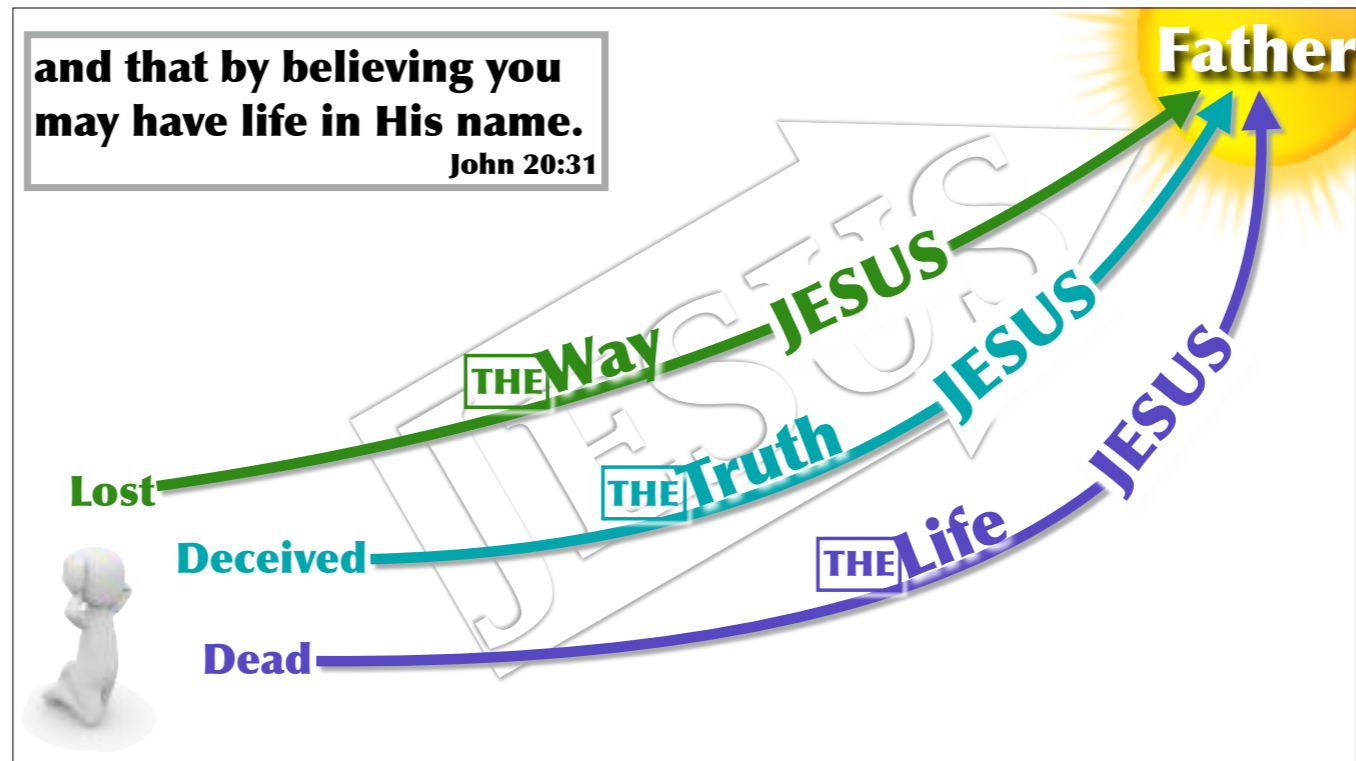


- John 11:25-26 (ESV) 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”





- John 17:3 (ESV) And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.



- John 20:30-31 (ESV) 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**“The Gospel . . . by which you are being saved”**

**Jesus  
Christ**



**Died for our sins**

**He was buried**

**He was raised**

[1 Corinthians 15:1-4:](#)

Preached - Gospel - Received - Stand - **SAVED**

Christ died for our sins (accordance with scriptures, like Is. 53!)

He was Buried

He was raised



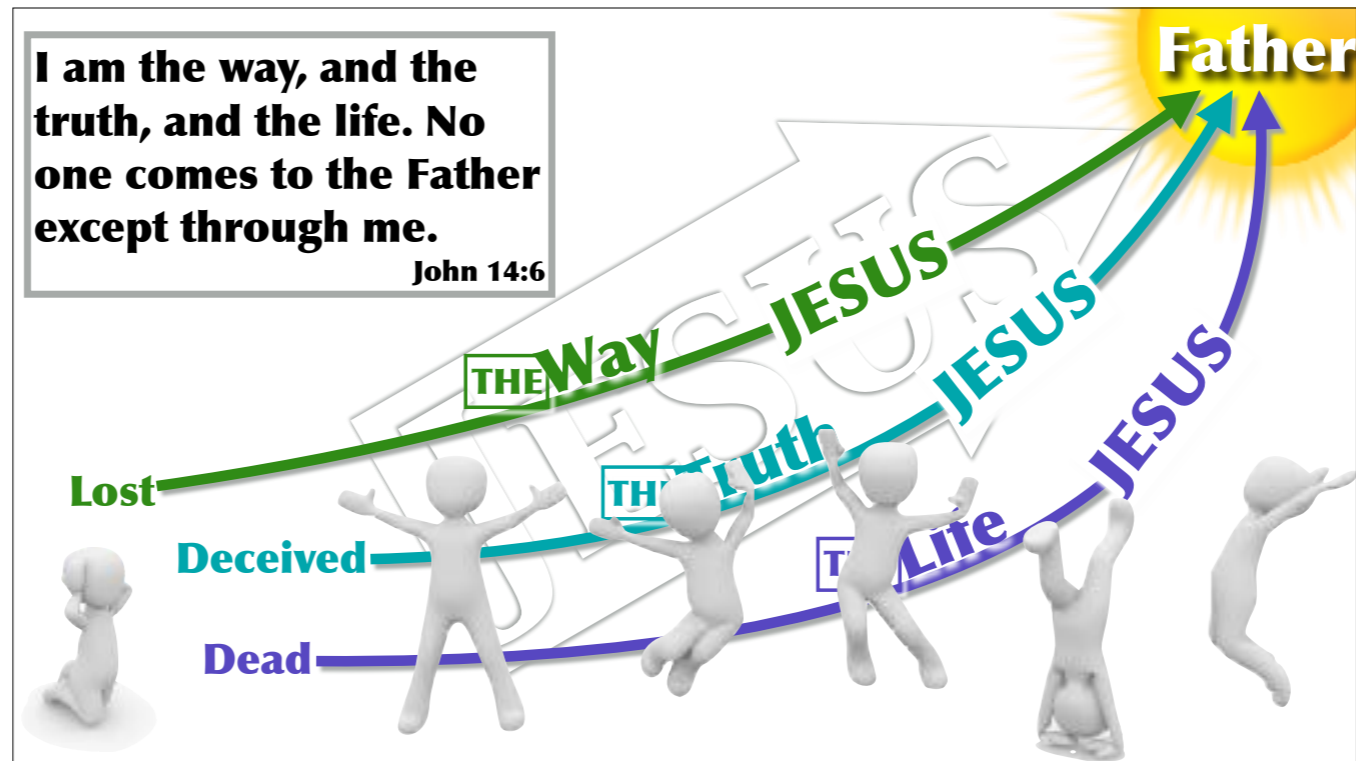
Romans 6:3-4: Baptized into Christ Jesus

Baptized into His death

Buried therefore with him

Raised, we too might walk in newness of life

United with him ... in death & resurrection (5)



- Jesus: Way, Truth, Life
- Me: Lost, Deceived, and Dead
  - Believe in Jesus
  - Baptized for remission of sins
- Rejoice!

**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**

Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14



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Romans 6:3-4: Baptized into Christ Jesus

Baptized into His death

Buried therefore with him

Raised, we too might walk in newness of life

United with him ... in death & resurrection (5)

## Jesus: I Am the Way and the Truth and the Life

John 14:6

Synopsis: Just a reminder that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life; just as he'd been teaching throughout the gospel of John.

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**"Let all that you do be done with love."**