

**Trinitarian Structure of New Testament**      Fourth Week of Easter      Friday, April  
27, 2018    8:15 AM    Acts 13:26-33;    **Jn 14:1-6**    (We are on the journey; God is leading  
us. It is life that creates us and leads us to the fulfillment of life.)

**“No one comes to the Father except through me.”**

This is about developing personal knowledge of God, and **knowledge of God is personal**. It is analogous to knowledge of one’s father or mother or siblings or intimate friends. It is not a knowledge of facts, even the facts that are found in the Bible, but **it is a personal unfolding of a relationship**. In the Bible, in the New Testament, it is not simply a relationship with Jesus; it’s a relationship with the Father through Jesus. And it is not only a relationship with the Father through Jesus, **it is a relationship with the Father through Jesus in the Holy Spirit. The very structure of the New Testament is Trinitarian and it introduces us into that reality of God we call Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Now Christians can become, in a certain sense, too much into Jesus. That may sound a little odd, but reflect. **Jesus came so that we could know the Father**, so that we could be led to the Father, so that we could experience the Spirit. And we have to also believe that we are already on the journey. It’s not like we have to get directions; **we are on the journey; God is leading us.**

So this question Thomas asks him, “How can we know the way?” Well you don’t have to. **You don’t have to know the way**. If you think you have to know the way, you are going to get lost because **Jesus is the way**. And being the way, **he is the guide; and he is the road**, as he is also the gate, and so on. **We have to allow this relationship to unfold in a very natural, so to speak, way** and realize that ultimately **it is the truth that holds us**; it is not we who hold the truth. **It is life that creates us and leads us to the fulfillment of life.**