## **December 27, 2022**

The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

John 14:6-7 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you really know Me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him." (NIV)

The way, the truth, and the life. Another picture of the trinity. The LORD God, Creator of all things (the way). Jesus Christ Who came and spoke the truth because He is the truth. The Holy Spirit Who indwells those Who come to salvation (the life). As Jesus was laying out the future for His disciples, He used a reference about going to prepare a place for you. This was the wording that the groom would say to his bride. He would then go back to his father's house (insula) and build a room onto it for he and his bride. When it was complete, the Father would sign off on it and then say to his son, "go get your bride." Folks, I believe that could happen very, very soon. John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am. (NIV)

And then Jesus comes out and plainly tells His disciples that He is the LORD. If you know Me, you know My Father. You do know Him and have seen Him. This must have finally sunk into His disciples as they realized that from this point on, they would see the Father at work. And even after His death and resurrection, Jesus came to them again and assured them of Who He is. The result? Every one of His disciples (except Judas Iscariot) gave the remainder of their short lives serving Him completely. But these short lives were ignited by the giver of real and abundant life. As Paul would later state, for me to live is Christ, and to die is great gain.

Dear LORD, You are the way and the truth and the life. I'm so grateful to have and enjoy real and abundant life in You. Thank You that You made a way for anyone who will believe in You. In Jesus Name, Amen