



CHRISTIAN CENTER

## The Dash

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### I. INTRO

#### A. The Dash

**John 14:1-3 (NLT)** “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. <sup>2</sup>There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

**John 14:4-5 (NLT)** <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>“No, we don’t know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

B. This question – How can we know the way – is one that humanity is asking

**John 14:6 (NLT)** Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

- The way isn’t some obscure path or a church or religion – it’s a person named Jesus

### II. JESUS IS THE WAY

#### A. I am the way so... follow me

**Matthew 9:9 (New King James Version)** As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow Me So he arose and followed Him.

- Jesus made a simple offer – follow me

B. What if what you thought was the way – wasn’t?

### III. SIMPLE CAN QUICKLY BECOME COMPLICATED

#### A. Simple directions can get complicated pretty quickly

- The religious system of Jesus day was complex
- Jesus came to show people the real heart of the Father – word pics

#### B. Jesus took the complex and made it simple

- **Follow ME!**