

# FINDING THE WAY

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*Based on John 14 v 6 this sketch explores the stunning nature of Jesus' statement "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life". It also illustrates how people easily ignore His words and look for an alternative.*

## CAST

Rachel        *A pregnant mum in imminent danger of giving birth!*  
John         *Her husband*  
Jesus         *A pedestrian*

*John is driving Rachel to the hospital.*

Rachel        I'm sure we came down this road just a few minutes ago, John.

John         Are you certain, darling?

Rachel        Yes, I remember noticing that pub – The Dog and Stirrup Pump. There can't be too many others by that name.

John         Oh dear, I think you're right.

Rachel        Does that mean what I think it means?

John         Yes, I'm afraid so. We're lost.

Rachel        I thought you said you knew the way to the hospital.

John         I thought I did. But – don't worry. I'll get you there. Keep calm. Deep breathing. *[They both do slow deep breathing]* The baby's not due just yet. You haven't had a contraction for fully fifteen minutes.

Rachel        *[Clutching his arm. He struggles to control the car]* But I'm having one now. Help, John, get me to the hospital quick. *[Rachel makes loud noises as if in the midst of contractions. John stops the car]*

John         Don't worry. Look, I'll ask that fellow over there. *[Enter Jesus]* He looks like a local. We can't be far away from the hospital. *[Gets out of the car. Goes over to Jesus]* Excuse me. Can you tell me the way to the hospital?

Jesus         I am the way.

John         *[Puzzled]* Oh.... right. Thanks. *[Returns to car and leans in]*

Rachel        *[Whose contractions have eased]* Well, which way do we need to go?

John         I don't know.

Rachel           Why not? What did he say?

John             He said, "I am the way".

Rachel           What on earth does he mean by that?

John             I don't know. I think he's a nutter. Probably one of those Care In The Community people.

Rachel           He looks fairly sane. Try again. He may have misheard you. Or perhaps he was just pulling your leg. Having a laugh at your expense.

John             *[Doubtfully]* Well maybe. OK. I'll be right back. Now keep that breathing going. *[They breathe together. John goes back to Jesus]* Excuse me. It's me again. My wife and I enjoyed your little joke .... but it really is quite urgent that we find the way to the hospital. So could you possibly give me the true answer this time?

Jesus            I am the truth.

John             *[A little irritated]* You are the truth. Right. I see. Thank you. *[Goes back to car and leans in]*

Rachel           *[Breathing]* What did he say this time?

John             He said, "I am the truth".

Rachel           *[Struggling to keep control of herself]* Don't be ridiculous. Look, he's obviously winding you up. Now go back. Explain to him the situation and *[Shouting]* FIND OUT THE WAY TO THE HOSPITAL!

John             Now keep calm, darling.

Rachel           *[Shouting]* I AM CALM!

John             Relax, keep the breathing going and ..

Rachel           *[Through clenched teeth]* Stop going on about the breathing.

John             Right. OK. I'll be right back. *[Goes back to Jesus]* Now look here, my man. My wife is about to have a baby so, you see, we really must get to the hospital right away. It's a matter of life and death.

Jesus            I am the life.

John             *[Really angry]* Look mate, I don't know who you think you are but I've had just about enough of your silly jokes.

Jesus            I am Jesus, the Son of God.

John           Right that does it. *[Turns abruptly on his heel and gets back into the car]*

Rachel        What are you doing?

John           I'm going to find someone else to give us directions.

Rachel        Why, what did he say?

John           He said, " I am Jesus, the Son of God".

Rachel        Oh, I see. Well it shows you were right all along. He's obviously a total nutcase. There's no point in listening to him.

*THE END*