

Jesus is the only way to God

Many have come up and have said that their multiple ways to God. That is what religion is. Jesus did not teach so. When Jesus came to the earth, he did not bring religion but rather a relationship with God through Him. He had no religion, nor did he bring one. Christianity is not a religion, but rather a relationship with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Religion is man trying to get to God while Christianity is God coming down to man to bring him into a relationship with the Father through the Lord Jesus Christ. There is a huge difference.

The Word of God shows us the only way and that way is Jesus.

A. I am the way, the truth, and the life

John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

- a) This verse is saying that there are **not** many paths to God.
- b) Jesus is the only way and there is no other way. God's only way of salvation is through Jesus (Acts 4:12).
- c) This passage leaves no room for other means of salvation. This statement leaves no alternatives. Any religion that doesn't acknowledge Jesus as the **ONLY** way of salvation is in error and false.

- d) Any other religion such as Jehovah witness, Mormonism, atheism, evolution, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, witchcraft and many more will only eternally damn people. They are manmade religions.
- e) However, Christianity is not a religion but a relationship with God through Jesus Christ the Savior.
- i) Christians are the only ones that boast a Savior.
 - ii) We are the only ones that have our sins forgiven by putting faith in Jesus our savior. No other religion can boast that.
 - iii) We are the only ones with an assurance of salvation and eternal life. All religions are not even sure—they will see when we get there. I am afraid it will be too late.
 - iv) We are also the only ones that do not make people carry or pay for their own sins by placing them on their backs because no one can.
 - v) We are the only ones that receive salvation and forgiveness by only **BELIEVING not by performance and doing**. Faith in Jesus is so different from all other religions. Many of them get offended, but the truth is that faith in Jesus is different from all other religions because it is the only way.
- f) Jesus's claims leave no other option for salvation. He did not say He was "a way, a truth, and a life" but He claimed to be the **ONLY** way.
- i) The word "**the**" is a definite article. Jesus is not just the way... **FULL STOP**. He is also **the truth** and **the life**.

ii) If Jesus is not the LORD of your life, you have missed the truth. Jesus = Truth.

g) Notice also that it says, "NO man comes to the Father except through Jesus."

i) If Jesus is not the Lord of your life, you have missed God. I don't care if you say you "believe in God." If you reject Jesus, you have rejected the True Life. Jesus = Life. No Jesus, no life. No Jesus, no Father.

ii) Saying that someone "Believes in God" does not imply that one believes in Jesus. Many call whatever they want "God" and they might be referring to some other thing other than the True God.

iii) "Believes in God" is not synonymous to believing in Jesus but believing in Jesus is believing in God.

B. Knowing Jesus = Knowing the Father

Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also. —John 8:19

a) Here, we see Jesus calling God His Father. John 5:18 verifies that Jesus was equal to God the Father. That's why He called Him "my father."

b) Jesus also said that if they had known Him, they would have known the Father as well. Knowing Jesus is knowing the Father. This establishes that Jesus was God and that Jesus, and the Father are ONE, just as John 10:30 says.

i) This is saying that a person who doesn't know (have a personal relationship with) Jesus, doesn't know the Father.

ii) Jesus is the only way to the Father.

- c) Anyone who says that you can have a relationship with God the Father without first believing on God the Son—Jesus Christ, such as Jehovah’s Witnesses, the Unification Church, Mormons, Jesuits, the Unity Church, Islam, and many others, is teaching error and has the spirit of anti-Christ. (1 John 4:3; 2 John 7-9).
- i) Jesus is the way to the Father, not “a way.” There is no short cut.
 - ii) If you don’t believe and receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you cannot claim to have or know the Father.
 - iii) If you let Jesus in, the Father comes in along with Him, but you can’t let the Father in without letting in Jesus **first**.
 - Jesus is the door to a personal relationship with the Father.

If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. —John 14:7

- a) This verse also clearly shows that knowing Jesus is knowing the Father. This is not only because Jesus did what He saw the Father do, but because He was God in the flesh—God with us.
- b) Knowing Jesus equates to knowing the Father because they are one, but you can’t know the Father without knowing Jesus first.
 - i) In other words, the relationship starts with Jesus before it goes to the Father.
 - ii) Anyone who tries bypassing Jesus is joking. If you know Jesus, you will know the Father.

iii) Until you are in a relationship with Jesus, you can't have a relationship with God the Father. **Jesus is the door to a personal relationship with the Father.**

c) Again, Knowing Jesus = Knowing the Father. However, knowing the Father does not equal knowing Jesus because you can't know the Father unless you first know Jesus.

C. Honoring the Son = Honoring the Father

That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. —John 5:23

a) This is one of the strongest arguments of a well-established truth in Scripture: that, *One*, Jesus is the only way to God the Father and, *two*, Jesus was and truly is God.

i) We can't just honor Jesus, but we have to honor Him even as (in like manner or the same way) we honor the Father.

ii) If you do not honor Jesus, you have not honored the Father. There is no way around this.

iii) You can't dishonor the LORD Jesus in an effort to honor the Father.

iv) As a matter of fact, you can't even know the Father without Jesus because Jesus reveals the Father to us all.

b) This is what draws a line and separates true Christianity from the religions of the world. **Most religions honor Jesus as a great man** (examples: Jehovah's Witnesses, Islam, and the Unification Church, etc.) but are violently opposed to making Jesus equal to the Almighty God (1 John 2:23).

- c) This scripture also says **all** men, not just a few but **all**. If you are a human being, this scripture applies to you. It's speaking to you.

D. No Alternatives

Jesus' claims left no room for any other means for salvation. Some people feel it's not fair for God to say there is one way to Him. Man wants to find his own way to God, but this has not worked very well. If Jesus said He was the only way the truth and the life, why would people dispute that? He lived a life of truth and proved it furthermore when he predicted his death and resurrection (John 2:19; Luke 9:22; Matthew 16:21).

- a) If Jesus was a liar, He would have told the people around him that He would resurrect spiritually not bodily because there would be no proof for His spiritual resurrection.
- b) However, He told the folks that He would resurrect bodily (Physical) and it happened and was seen by many people after His resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:6).
- c) A physical resurrection has visible proof, unlike a spiritual resurrection. Jesus rose physically in a body, visible and tangible.

E. Receiving Jesus = Receiving the Father

...he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. —John 13:20

- a) This is another powerful passage in line with all my other statements. Here, Jesus continues to emphasize that receiving Him is receiving God the Father who sent Him.
 - i) Jesus was equal to the Father (John 10:30). Receiving Him is equivalent to receiving the Father because they are one (John 10:30, 14:6-7).

- b) Denying Jesus is denying God. Acknowledging Jesus is acknowledging God (1 John 2:23). Hating Jesus is hating God (John 15:23). Honoring Jesus is honoring God (John 5:23) because Jesus is God and is equal to God the Father.

F. Sinless Savior

If anyone should claim to be the only way, it ought to be Jesus. He was the sinless God manifest in the flesh that came to pay and to take away the sins of the world.

- a) John 8:46 “Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?”
- b) Jesus was sinless.
- i) Isaiah 53:9
 - ii) Hebrews 4:15; 7:26
 - iii) John 8:46; 2
 - iv) 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - v) 1 Peter 2:22
 - vi) 1 John 3:5
- c) All the enemies of Jesus could not find any sin in His life, so they made up false accusations.
- i) Luke 23:4 says that “Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.”
 - ii) Even Pilate as ungodly as he was could not find any fault in Jesus. What a testimony!

G. Multiple one ways.

God, through creation, has surrounded us with one ways. They are all around us.

For example;

- a) Why would Jesus come to die if there were multiple ways? He came because there was **no other way** and **He opened the only way**.
- i) If there was another way, Jesus wouldn't have come. There was no and there is no other way.
- Driving only on one side of the road.
 - The sun rises from the east and sets to the west. This is also one way 365 days and never changes and you can't change it.
 - One sun, One moon, etc.
 - Your gas tank takes only gasoline or Diesel but not both.
 - One father, one mother.
 - One house address.

Those who reject **Jesus as the only way** and instead come up with many other ways will eternally be damned.

- b) Creation is screaming that there is only one way. Why is it troubling for people to believe that there is one way to God which is Jesus?
- c) If I wanted you to come to my house and I knew you don't know how to get there, I have to tell you how to get to my house. **You don't just come up with a way to get to a place you have never been hoping you will get there.**
- i) You need the only one who has been there to direct you there. If you just take any road saying there are many ways to my house, you will never get there.
- ii) You might enjoy the ride, but you will end up in the wrong place. Jesus is the only way and He alone as the directions to the Father.

H. Jesus pointed to His signs and wonders as another reason people should believe in Him.

- a) There were many people out there who did miracles even in the day of Jesus but there was something different about Jesus' miracles for Him to point people to them as a sign for them to believe that He was who He claimed to be. Jesus was confident that He trusted the authenticity of His miracles to the point that He encouraged people to believe in Him because of them.
 - i) John 10:38 "But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father *is* in me, and I in him."
 - ii) John 14:11 Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.
- b) If you are looking for a reason to believe in Jesus (and you should), I have given you plenty. Jesus is THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE.

I. Hating Jesus = Hating the Father

He that hateth me hateth my Father also. —John 15:23

- a) Oh boy, this is a powerful verse! How many religions or people hate Jesus, yet claim to be in relationship with God?
- b) This is one more verse in a list of scriptures in which Jesus equated any form of rejection of Him or who He claimed as rejection of God the Father.
- c) Say it like this: Rejecting or Hating Jesus = Rejecting or Hating the Father. Any group or religion that claims to have access to God the Father without entering in through Jesus the Door and exalting Jesus to an equal position is completely deceived. Hating Jesus is hating God because Jesus is God and equal to the Father (John 10:30; Phil. 2:6).

Conclusion:

Some people what complex things. God made the way to Him as simple as possible so that no one can miss it. We all can come in through Jesus who came to the earth and lived a sinless life, laying down his life for us and being raised from the dead.

Those who have not made Jesus their savior, eternal damnation awaits them. There are not **many** ways to God and heaven, but rather to hell. Religions are one of the ways to get you there.

Matthew 7:13-14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

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