

IS JESUS THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

John 14:6 (NIV) “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

THREE WIDELY HELD MYTHS:

MYTH #1:

ALL RELIGIONS ARE BASICALLY THE SAME.

REALITY:

CHRISTIANITY CAN'T BE RECONCILED WITH ANY OTHER RELIGION...

- Christianity has a distinctive view of God.

Psalm 113:4-6, (NIV) 4 The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens. 5 Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, 6 who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

Psalm 113:7-9, (NLT) 7 He lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the garbage dump. 8 He sets them among princes, even the princes of his own people! 9 He gives the childless woman a family, making her a happy mother.

- Christianity has a distinctive view of God.
- Christianity has a distinctive view of Revelation.

Psalm 19:1-2, (NIV) The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

Psalm 19:3-4, (NIV) They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Psalm 19:7-8, (NIV) 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. 8 The

precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Psalm 19:9, (NIV) The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

- Christianity has a distinctive view of **God**.
- Christianity has a distinctive view of **Revelation**.
- Christianity has a distinctive view of **Salvation**.

Acts 4:12 (NIV) Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

Titus 3:5 (NLT) He saved us, not because of the good things we did, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins and gave us a new life through the Holy Spirit.

Review:

- **Assumption:** All religions are basically the same...
- **Reality:** Christianity can't be reconciled with any other religion...

MYTH #2:

ALL RELIGIONS HAVE EQUAL CLAIMS
ON THE TRUTH

REALITY:

ONLY JESUS BACKS UP HIS CLAIMS WITH UNIQUE CREDENTIALS
THAT GIVE HIM UNIQUE CREDIBILITY.

Evidence That Confirms The Claims of Jesus Christ:

- The reliability of the New Testament as a historical document.
- 7 manuscripts of Plato's literature.
- 49 manuscripts of Aristotle's literature.
- 643 copies of Homer's Iliad are in existence to verify manuscript transmission and accuracy.
- But more than 20,000 manuscripts of the New Testament are in existence making it the best-documented piece of ancient literature there is!

Evidence That Confirms The Claims of Jesus Christ:

- The reliability of the New Testament as a historical document.
- The miracle of fulfilled predictive prophecy.

Peter Stoner in his book "Science Speaks" says, "If we take just eight (8) of the Old Testament prophecies Christ fulfilled, we find that the probability of their coming to pass is
1:100,000,000,000,000,000

The odds of one individual fulfilling just 48 prophecies relating to Christ is
1:10157

Jesus fulfilled 332 distinct prophecies!

Evidence That Confirms The Claims of Jesus Christ:

- The reliability of the New Testament as a historical document.
- The miracle of fulfilled predictive prophecy.
- His remarkable character.

1 John 3:5, (NIV) "In Him is no sin..."

1 Peter 2:22, NIV "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

Evidence That Confirms The Claims of Jesus Christ:

- The reliability of the New Testament as a historical document.
- The miracle of fulfilled predictive prophecy.
- His remarkable character.
- His amazing miracles.

John 10:38 (NLT) But if I do his work, believe in the evidence of the miraculous works I have done, even if you don't believe me. Then you will know and understand that the Father is in me, and I am in the Father."

Evidence That Confirms The Claims of Jesus Christ:

- The reliability of the New Testament as a historical document.

- The miracle of fulfilled predictive prophecy.
- His remarkable character.
- His amazing miracles.
- The reality of His actual and physical resurrection.

Acts 2:23-24 (NLT) 23 You nailed [Jesus] to the cross and murdered him. 24 However, God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life again, for death could not keep him in its grip.

Acts 2:32 (NLT) “God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this.”

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (NKJV) 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (NKJV) 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (NKJV) 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

Review:

- **Assumption:** All religions have equal claims to the truth...
- **Reality:** Only Jesus backs up His claims with unique credentials giving Him unique credibility.

MYTH #3:

CHRISTIANS ARE ARROGANT, NARROW-MINDED, AND BIGOTED BECAUSE THEY SAY JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GOD.

Reality:

IT'S NOT ARROGANT AND NARROW-MINDED TO ACT UPON THE EVIDENCE...

1 Peter 3:15-16 (NLT) 15 If you are asked about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. 16 But you must do this in a gentle and respectful way.

Review:

- **Assumption:** Christians are narrow-minded because they believe Jesus is the only way to get to God...
- **Reality:** It's not arrogant or narrow - minded to act upon the evidence...

WHY CHRISTIANITY MAKES SENSE:

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Romans 10:13 (NLT) For "Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

EVERYONE GETS IN THE SAME WAY!

John 3:16 (NIV) For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.