

# I AM ...

- sermon notes -

## The Way, The Truth, & The Life

John 14:1-6

*"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)*

### COMMON OBJECTIONS . . .

- 1) Aren't all religions basically different paths to the same God?

*"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)*

- 2) Isn't it narrow and arrogant for us to claim that Jesus is the only way?

*"For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus," (1 Tim. 2:5)*

*"Enter through the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who go through it. How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life, and few find it." (Matt. 7:13-14)*

*"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. The one who has the Son has life. The one who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life." (1 John 5:11-13)*

- 3) Shouldn't people be free to believe whatever they want as long as they are sincere?



*"The one who believes in the Son has eternal life, but the one who rejects the Son will not see life; instead, the wrath of God remains on him." (John 3:36)*

- 4) Doesn't saying that Jesus is the only way lead to more hate, intolerance, and violence?

*"Honor everyone..." (1 Peter 2:17)*

*"Just as you want others to do for you, do the same for them." (Luke 6:31)*

- 5) Isn't the most important thing just trying to be a good person?

*"...as it is written: 'There is no one righteous, not even one.'" (Rom. 3:10)*

*"I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die." (Gal. 2:21, NLT)*

*"For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift— not from works, so that no one can boast." (Eph. 2:8-9)*

- 6) What about people who don't even know about Jesus?

*"...since what can be known about God is evident among them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, that is, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being understood through what he has made. As a result, people are without excuse." (Rom. 1:19-20, see also Rom. 2:14-15)*

*"'For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How, then, can they call on him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about him? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." (Rom. 10:13-15a)*

*"...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)*

*"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." (Matt. 28:19)*