

## Week 8 - Who is Jesus? The Uniqueness and Exclusivity of Christ

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### What did Jesus Claim?

Jesus did not simply point to truth – He claimed to be the truth

- “I am the way, and the truth, and the life..” (John 14:6)
- Jesus forgave sins
- Jesus accepted worship
- Jesus claimed unity with God

Jesus did not leave room to be “just a good teacher.”

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### The Trilemma (C.S. Lewis)

Jesus is either:

- **Lunatic** – He was delusional and therefore unable to be trusted
- **Liar** – He knowingly deceived people for personal gain
- **Lord** – He is who He claimed to be

“You must make your choice.” – C.S. Lewis

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### All Truth is Exclusive

Truth claims by their very nature are exclusive.

- $2 + 2 = 4$  (not 5)
- A diagnosis is either correct or not

The real question is not “Is it **EXCLUSIVE?**” but “Is it **TRUE?**”

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***The key claim of Christianity is that Jesus is not one way among many;  
It is that He is the only way.***

## Why Jesus' Exclusivity is Good News

At first, the exclusivity of Jesus feels narrow. But consider the alternatives.

### If there are many ways to salvation:

- *You must figure it out*
- *You must choose correctly*
- *You must wonder if you're right*
- *You carry the burden*

### But if Jesus is the only way to salvation:

- *You don't have to search endlessly*
- *You don't have to guess*
- *You can have assurance*
- *You don't have to earn it*

Exclusivity is not about **ARROGANCE**— it is about **ASSURANCE**.

## Memory Verse for the Week

**John 14:6** – *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

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