Busted Faith - One Way: Jesus and Salvation

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All Bible passages are quoted from the New International Version of the Bible unless otherwise noted.

Does the Bible really say Jesus is the only way to heaven? Answer: YES

BIG IDEA: There was NO WAY to get to God, until God MADE a way.

Romans 1:20-21 | ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 2:15 | They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.

Romans 3:9-12 | ⁹ What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin. ¹⁰ As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; ¹¹ there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. ¹² All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

Romans 3:20 | Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

John:

John 1:18 | No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Peter:

Acts 4:12 | Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Jesus:

John 14:6 | Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Belief in a BOLD claim, requires BOLD action.

1. Acknowledge your need for a **SAVIOR**.

Romans 6:23 | For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. Believe in the **SACRIFICE** of Christ.

Romans 5:8 | But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

3. Commit to walk in the <u>VICTORY</u> of His <u>RESURRECTION</u>.

Romans 6:4 | We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

NEXT STEP: Trust in the bold claims of Jesus and give Him your life today.

Further Study & Discussion Questions

Getting to Know You:

What's one bold decision you've made in your life that you were initially hesitant about? How did it turn out?

Have you ever had an experience where you felt God was calling you to do something that seemed impossible? What was it and how did you respond?

Quick Review:

Was there anything about this week's message that was surprising to you? Was there a specific point or Scripture that made you want to elbow the person sitting next to you? Or maybe made them want to elbow you? What was the one thing you remember most from the message?

Digging Deeper:

In the message, we discussed the bold claim that Jesus is the only way to heaven. What are your thoughts on this claim?

The message referenced several Bible verses that support the idea that Jesus is the only way to God. Are there any other verses or passages that you think support this claim?

Application:

Does knowing that Jesus is the only way change your level of urgency?

How can we be more proactive in bringing our friends and family closer to Jesus?