

THE POWER OF THE TRUTH IN A WORLD OF LIES

"And you will know the truth, and that truth will set you free"
- Jesus



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The Exclusivity of Truth

*"Truth is stranger than fiction, but it's because
Fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities; Truth isn't."*
- Mark Twain

"Everyone worships the same God in their own way."

A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. **Acts 17:18**

**Every Truth implies a silent yet lengthy statement
about what must necessarily not be true.**

Exclusivity is Taught Throughout The Bible

Jesus taught that he was the only way to God.

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." (Mt 7:13-14)

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:16)

"if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins." (Jn 8:24)

Peter taught that Jesus was the only way to God.

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

Paul taught that Jesus was the only way to God.

"there is one God and one mediator between God and human beings, Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people." (1Tim 2:5)

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved." (Acts 16:31)

John taught that Jesus was the only way to God.

"God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life." (1Jn 5:11-12)

The clear teaching of Jesus & the Bible can't be shrugged off as one's own interpretation.

Hell is Too Mean

**"God would never send people to hell
just because they don't believe in Jesus ."**

**Jesus came not to determine who would go to heaven
and hell, but rather to provide an alternative to hell.**

John 5:24

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life."

A God "Worthy" of our Faith?

"Your God is too narrow-minded; I don't want a God like that."

Matthew 26:38-39

"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. . . My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

**Jesus himself pleaded with the Father
for an alternative plan of salvation!**

Galatians 2:20-21

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!