

**Message:** Is God Fake News Week 6 – Don't All Roads Lead To God?

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 1:12

## FOUR QUESTIONS WE NEED TO ASK

### 1. DON'T ALL RELIGIONS TEACH BASICALLY THE SAME THING?

*"One of you says, 'I follow Paul'; another, 'I follow Apollos'; another, 'I follow Cephas'; still another 'I follow Christ.'" 1 Corinthians 1:12*

There are common themes found in many religions; there are also some major differences.

#### EXAMPLES

##### Who is God?

Buddhism – no God.

Hinduism – many gods.

Islam- Allah is god.

Judaism – Jehovah is God.

Christianity – Jesus is God.

##### What is Heaven?

Buddhism – no heaven.

Hinduism – heaven is absorption.

Islam – must earn it.

Judaism – uncertain about heaven.

Christianity – must receive it.

**CONCLUSION 1:** It is an uninformed opinion to decide that all religions are the same.

### 2. ISN'T IT ENOUGH TO BE SINCERE?

*"There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death" Proverbs 16:25*

*"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven but only he who does the will of the father..." Matthew 7:21*

**Sincerity is important; but it does not change the truth.**

**CONCLUSION 2:** Just because your belief is sincere does not mean it is correct.

### 3. IS JESUS REALLY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

*"Salvation is found in no one else for there is no other name, under heaven, given among men, but which we must be saved." Acts 4:12*

*"God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." 1 John 5:11-12*

#### Common objections to Christianity

- Popular opinion defines truth. False
- Intensity of belief insures truth. False
- Anything too narrow negates truth. False

**CONCLUSION 3:** If you simply want to know about God, any religion will do; but if you want to know God, only Christianity offers a relationship with Him.

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

#### **4. What happens to people who never heard of Jesus?**

- God does not punish innocent people.  
*"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne."* Psalm 89:14
- *All people have some knowledge of God through conscience and creation.*  
*"...what may be know about God is plain to all, because God has made it plain to them."*  
Romans 1:19
- People are responsible for the light they have.  
*"For since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities his eternal power and nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."* Romans 1:20
- No one can earn their way to heaven.  
*"There is no one righteous, not even one."* Romans 3:10

**CONCLUSION 4:** The only guarantee of heaven is a faith relationship with Christ.

**Don't get so trapped in religion (man's attempt to reach God) that you miss out on a relationship with Christ (God's attempt to reach man)**