



If Jesus is the Only Way, Why So Many Religions? — August 30, 2026

Read & Reflect

READ: John 14:1–7, Acts 4:8–12, 1 Timothy 2:1–6

Jesus' claim to be the only way to the Father can sound exclusive until we understand the grace surrounding it. Christianity doesn't begin with what we must accomplish to reach God. It begins with God reaching down to us through Jesus.

Understand the Moment

Jesus told His disciples, "**I am the way**," while comforting them about what was coming. He was preparing a place for them and promising a way home.

That's the heart of the gospel. Christianity isn't about climbing high enough to reach God. God came down to us. Salvation is the difference between **DO** and **DONE**: we don't earn God's acceptance through our performance; we receive what Jesus accomplished through His death and resurrection.

Jesus' claim is exclusive, but His invitation is remarkably wide: God desires people to be saved and has made the way through Christ.

Process Together or Alone

- What makes Jesus' claim to be "the way" difficult for people today?
- Have you ever felt like you needed to earn God's acceptance? Why?
- How does the difference between **DO** and **DONE** change the way you understand Christianity?
- Why is the context of John 14 important when reading verse 6?
- How can we hold firmly to Jesus' claims while treating people of other beliefs with genuine love and respect?

Follow Jesus This Week

Listen

- What is Jesus showing you about His grace and what He has already done for you?
- Where might you be trying to make God conform to your preferences instead of following Him?

Obey

- Where do you need to stop trying to earn God's acceptance and simply receive His grace?
- What would it look like to say, "**Your will be done**," in one specific area this week?

Share

- Who is your "Next One"—someone God has placed in your life who doesn't yet follow Jesus?
- How can you naturally open a conversation about what Jesus has done for you?

Care

- Who can you consistently pray for as they explore questions about Jesus?
- How can you demonstrate Christ's love to them without treating them like a project?



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Live It Out

Draw two columns on a piece of paper. Write **DO** over one and **DONE** over the other.

Under **DO**, write the ways you sometimes try to earn God's approval—being good enough, serving enough, knowing enough, or avoiding enough mistakes.

Then under **DONE**, write:

"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." — Romans 5:8

Cross out the **DO** column.

This week, whenever you find yourself trying to prove your worth to God, remember:

Jesus didn't ask you to make a way to God. Jesus became the way for you.

Pray

- Thank Jesus for doing what you could never do to save yourself.
- Ask God to reveal where you've been trying to earn His acceptance instead of receiving His grace.
- Pray for your "Next One" to encounter the truth and love of Jesus.
- Ask for wisdom to speak about Jesus with conviction, gentleness, and respect.
- Pray that your life would demonstrate God's grace to people whose beliefs are different from your own.

"Thank You for loving me before I could ever earn Your love. Thank You for sending Jesus to make the way I could never make for myself. Help me stop trying to put myself at the center and teach me to genuinely say, "Your will be done." Give me compassion for people who believe differently than I do and courage to share the hope I've found in Jesus. May my words and my life point others toward the grace You freely offer through Him. Amen."

Group Leader Optional Questions

Opening Question:

When you hear someone say, "All religions basically teach the same thing," how would you respond?

Closing Reflection:

Where do you need to move from trying to **do** enough for God to resting in what Jesus has already **done** for you?