

Do All Religions Lead to God?

Tough Questions Message Series Week 3

John 14:6

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- Aren't all religions basically the same?
- Isn't Christianity simply one philosophy among many?
- Aren't Christians pretty narrow-minded to think their way is the only way?

What separates Christianity from all other world religions is Jesus.

Three Fundamental Claims of Christianity about Jesus:

1. **Jesus is God.** (John 1:1, 10:30-39)

2. **Jesus is the only way to God.** (John 14:6)

JESUS CLAIMS TO BE GOD

JESUS' CLAIMS WERE FALSE

He KNEW his claims were FALSE

He made a DELIBERATE MISREPRESENTATION

He was a LIAR

He was a HYPOCRITE

He was a DEMON

He was a FOOL for he died for what he knew was a lie

He DID NOT KNOW his claims were FALSE

He was sincerely DELUDED

He was a LUNATIC

JESUS' CLAIMS WERE TRUE

He is LORD

You can ACCEPT

You can REJECT

Josh McDowell, *Evidence That Demands a Verdict*, Campus Crusade for Christ, San Bernardino, CA, 1979, p. 104.

3. Jesus rose from the dead. (Matthew 20:17-19, 6:32)

Question: Aren't all religions basically the same?

Answer: Jesus said that only He leads to God.

Question: Isn't Christianity simply one philosophy among many?

Answer: It's not about one religious teaching or claim versus another religious teaching or claim. It's about a person, Jesus.

Question: Aren't Christians pretty narrow-minded to think their way is the only way?

Answer: Jesus, in Matthew 7:13-14 says, "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it." (NASB) Narrow-mindedness is a reality when people can't accept another person's opinion. But narrow-mindedness doesn't come into play when truth is involved. Jesus claimed to be the way, the truth, and the life and that no one could come to the Father except through Him. His life validated His claims that He is God, that He is the only way to God, and that He rose from the grave.

Question: Do all religions lead to God?

Answer: Every other religion requires man to strive to please and reach God. Only Christianity, because of Jesus, requires nothing of man other than accepting the free gift extended to him by God.

What will you do with Jesus?

Recommended Resources

- *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel (available in the Lobby)
- *More Than a Carpenter* by Josh McDowell & Sean McDowell (available in the Lobby)
- *Evidence That Demands a Verdict* by Josh McDowell
- *The Resurrection Factor* by Josh McDowell
- *The Battle for the Resurrection* by Norman L. Geisler
- *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis
- *Know Why You Believe* by Paul E. Little