

Is Jesus the Only Way to God?

John 14:4—7 (ESV)

And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

I. Two opposing claims can't both be true.

- Religious pluralism is the view that all religions are equally valid as ways to God.
- The teachings of major religions about God, man, sin, and salvation are contradictory.

2. Truth by its very nature is dogmatic.

Acts 4:12-13 (HCSB)

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people, and we must be saved by it." ¹³ When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:18-20 (HCSB)

So they called for them and ordered them not to preach or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it's right in the sight of God for us to listen to you rather than to God, you decide; ²⁰ for we are unable to stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."

• In Christianity salvation is not a reward given to the moral.

3. The truth is the Gospel is one of the most inclusive worldviews ever given.

Galatians 3:27-28 (HCSB)

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ like a garment. ²⁸ There is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

• The Gospel did not produce division, it destroyed it.

4. Truth is not a principle but a person.

John 14:6 (ESV)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Three things you must do with Truth:

- Believe it.
- <u>Obey</u> it.
- <u>Spread</u> it.

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