

# Why Worldview Matters

## *Jesus Isn't the Only Way to Heaven!*

John 14:1-6

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### Introduction:

- Last week we looked at, *Is Jesus God?*
  - Some say, “Jesus never said He was God, why do you?”
  - Others say, “*Well, I believe that Jesus was a great moral teacher, maybe even a Prophet of God, but He isn't God, the Savior, or the Messiah. He was just a great man, but nothing more than a man.*”
  - When it comes to who a person is ... Two things matter:
    - Who does the person say they are and what evidence do they present to prove this?
    - Who do first-hand witnesses say they were and what evidence did they see to prove it?
  - Last week we talked about who Jesus and the witnesses said He was, both those who were followers, and those who were not.
  - Jesus is one of three things:
    - Lord –
    - Lunatic –
    - Liar –
  - You must choose which one He is to you.
  - This week we look at a question or a statement that is often made about Jesus.
    - *Do you think that Jesus is the only Way to Heaven?*
    - “*Jesus is not the only way to Heaven! There are many paths to Heaven. All religions are equally true.*”
  - All Truth belongs to One source, and that source is God.
  - **John 14:1-6**
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### 1. The Way:

- a. Jesus not only pointed us to where we needed to go, He led us and showed us how to get there.
- b. Jesus walked a part of the journey that we could not. He made the Way possible for us.
- c. What Jesus did is not like any other religious leader at all:
  1. Abraham – **Genesis 25**
  2. Mohammed – Told Muslims to follow the Five Pillars, but this would not assure them Heaven, only Jihad would do that (Sura 3:157).
  3. If all religions are equally true ... Why is it that what they must do to please God is so tremendously different?

4. Joseph Smith – God lives on the planet Kolob, and if you live a good Mormon life, you will get your own planet and you will be the god of that planet.
  5. If all religions are equally true ... Why is it that what they must do to please God is so tremendously different?
  6. Charles Taze Russell ... Founder of the Jehovah’s Witnesses told his followers that they needed to work to convert people to become a JW at least 150 a month. This was part of their salvation process. Jesus began His rule in 1914 and after WWI in 1919, Jesus was enthroned in that Temple and He has been sending out messages ever since.
  7. If all religions are equally true ... Why is it that what they must do to please God is so tremendously different?
  8. Siddhartha Gautama ... The founder of Buddhism taught his four noble truths: (1) The Truth of Suffering ... (2) The Truth of the Cause of Suffering ... (3) The Truth of the End of Suffering ... (4) The Truth of the Path that Leads to the End of Suffering ... Those truths lead to eight different paths you can take to get there, no direction, you must find that yourself.
  9. If all religions are equally true ... Why is it that, their idea of the way to bettering yourself is so tremendously different?
  10. **Jesus Christ** ... The God of all Creation who created us in His Image with free will to love and follow Him. BUT when we failed ... He was willing to step out of eternity and into our world to save us from ourselves. He took the punishment for our sins. He paid the price so we could be set free. The sacrifice of Jesus offers us Salvation.
    1. **Matthew 22:37-40**
    2. **John 13:34-35**
  11. If all religions are equally true ... Why is it that what they must do to please God is so tremendously different?
- d. The only way to be saved, is through Jesus Christ.

## 2. The Truth:

- a. Dictionary.com - **Truth** – “*The true or actual state of a matter ... A verifiable or indisputable fact ... proposition or principle or the like.*”
- b. Greek – **Aletheia** ... English – **Truth** ... “*The content of that which is true and thus in accordance with what actually happened.*”
- c. Latin – **Veritas** ... English – **Truth** ... “*The certainty and correctness of reality.*”
- d. We demand truth in all areas of our life –
- e. We demand to be told the truth in every area of our life, no matter what it is. But for some reason, and I am not sure why, we are not interested in the TRUTH when it comes to religion or morality.<sup>[1]</sup>

<sup>[1]</sup> Normal Geisler, Frank Turek, *I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist*, (Crossway, Wheaton, IL. 2004) pg.35-36

- f. There is a false idea that says, “*You can have your truth, and I can have my truth, and we are all happy for it.*” But that is false logic. That is flawed thinking.
- g. Truth does not change – **Hebrews 13:8**
  - 1. Truth is discovered, not invented –
  - 2. Truth crosses cultural lines –
  - 3. Truth is unchanging, even though our beliefs about truth change –
  - 4. Beliefs cannot change truth no matter how sincere they are –
  - 5. Truth is not affected by the attitude of the person professing it –
- h. Norman Geisler and Frank Turek ... “*In short, contrary beliefs are possible, but contrary truths are not possible. We can believe everything to be true, but we cannot make everything true.*”<sup>[2]</sup>
- i. **John 8:31-32**
- j. Dictionary.com ... **Tolerance** ... “*A fair, objective, and permissive attitude toward opinions, beliefs, and practices that differ from one's own.*”

### 3. The Life:

- a. **John 11:25-26**
- b. **John 11:38-44**
- c. **Luke 8:40-56 ... Luke 8:50**
- d. **Luke 7:11-17**
- e. **Luke 8**
- f. **Luke 17**
- g. If all religions are equally true, then how can they be so different in so many ways?
- h. **Matthew 16:21**
- i. **John 10:18**
- j. **Matthew 28**
- k. **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:3-8**
- l. **John 14:1-6**

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<sup>[2]</sup> Ibid