



Jesus: The Way To God

To me, the most important thing in life one can do is to honor the name of Jesus Christ and point others to Him. Jesus himself said, “If I am lifted up, I will draw all men to myself.” He was lifted up, onto a cross, there to die for the sins of all men, and purchase the means for their salvation. Today He is drawing men and women from all nations, from all walks of life, to a life of joy and hope through His name.

As He spent His days on earth in the form of man, Jesus was continually teaching those around Him, not just by His words, but by His deeds and manner. He spoke of the love of God the Father, and demonstrated that love by reaching out to the diseased, the lonely, the excluded, the privileged and the unprivileged. No one was denied the opportunity to experience the love of God. All were welcomed, though not all responded positively.

Nonetheless, He said, “Let the little children come to me...Come to me all you who are weary, and I

will give you rest...The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many...I have come to call, not the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Some of the things Jesus said were difficult for people to grasp, and seemed to assault their most cherished beliefs. The ingrained religious traditions of the people of Israel were not off-limits to an aggressive challenge from the humble carpenter from Galilee. In the very bastion of the Jewish faith, Jerusalem, Jesus declared, “I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Typically, some will say, “Surely you do not believe that Christianity is the only true faith. There are many religions which will say they have the truth and point people to God: The Muslims, the Taoists, the Buddhists, the Mormons, the Jehovah’s Witnesses. They all teach the same things and are like roads leading to the same place.”

Jesus was not that inclusive. He said, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Also, “No one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.”

The Apostle Peter, in witnessing to the crowd at Pentecost, declared, “This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ *There is salvation in no one else*, for there is no other name under heaven given among me by which we must be saved.”

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In this age of “tolerance”, many have problems with the exclusive nature of the above statements. But Jesus declared, “Enter by the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the way broad and spacious which leads to destruction, and many are those who enter it. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and few are those who find it.” To those who have difficulty with the exclusive claim of Jesus Christ, we suggest you talk to Him about it. If you really are sincere in your search for truth, He will help you find it.

Consider how highly the Apostle Paul regarded Jesus Christ: “He is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.” (Colossians 1:15-20)

Paul was convinced of Jesus’ divinity and exclusive saviorship, and wrote often to establish that very faith in the hearts of men. He affirmed this in Philippians 2:8-11: “He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is

above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

As it says above, the name of Jesus is above every name. His name is above Buddha, above Confucius, above Moses, above Mohammed, above Joseph Smith — above every name. Isn’t it interesting that everyone who comes along with a “new religion” always seeks to validate himself by claiming allegiance with Jesus Christ, and then declaring a “new revelation” which supercedes what Jesus taught? In so doing, they all tacitly admit that Jesus is above them, and then try to supplant Him. This is the height of dishonesty. The honest truth-seeker will be repulsed by such deceptive hijacking of the truth and rightly reject it.

There is no new revelation. There is no other way. Jesus is THE WAY to God.

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