

# The Way - Week 3

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## 1) Don't all religions basically teach the same thing?

**John 14:6** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**Acts 4:12** Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

**1 John 2:22** Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son.

## 2) Aren't all religions human attempts to get at the same spiritual truth?

**Matthew 4:16** the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

**John 8:12** When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**John 12:46** I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

**Acts 26:18** to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

**Deuteronomy 29:29** The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of men... **14** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**John 14:8** Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." **9** Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

**Ephesians 2:8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--**9** not by works, so that no-one can boast.

**Deuteronomy 4:7** What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him? **8** And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?... **32** Ask now about the former days, long before your time, from the day God created man on the earth; ask from one end of the heavens to the other. Has anything so great as this ever happened, or has anything like it ever been heard of?

### 3) Who is to say which religion is the right one?

**Romans 1:19** since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened

**Romans 14:10...** For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. **11** It is written: " 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.' "

**Philippians 2:10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

#### Three Thoughts for Learning More...

##### 1) Start with Jesus.

**Hebrews 1:1** In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,

**Colossians 1:15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **16** For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible or invisible, whether thrones or powers, or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. **17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

**John 17:3** Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

##### 2) Ask God to guide you.

**John 16:13** But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth...

**John 10:27** My sheep listen to My voice; and I know them, and they follow Me.

##### 3) Learn from others.

**Proverbs 18:17** The first to present his case seems right, till another comes forward and questions him.

**John 17:3** Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.