

I am the way! Really? or Really!

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1. John 14:5-6 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
2. A look at some of the questions
 - a. How do I choose a religion or worldview?
 - b. What is truth?
 - c. Is the Bible a reliable source?
 - d. Do we have a mistaken interpretation of what Jesus meant in John 14:6?
 - e. What are some problems for the sceptic?
3. Let’s come back to Thomas
4. Seeking truth

Is Jesus Really the Only Way to God

To affirm the uniqueness of Christ for salvation is not cause for arrogance and boasting. In fact, Scripturally it is exactly the opposite. Our salvation has nothing to do with our attainments, efforts and native beliefs. In salvation we do not find God through our own ingenuity. Rather, God finds us as we respond to his loving mercy in Christ as evidenced on the cross. The embrace of Christ as Savior and Lord can never be touted as cause for human triumph, smugness or self-assertion. It is not a sign of our superiority, or cause for triumphalistic efforts in society.

The uniqueness of Christ is a sign that the triune God of the universe cares so deeply for his wayward creatures that he mercifully provided a path to forgiveness—a way to the Father’s embrace. It is in the Father’s embrace through Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, that we come to realize that we can never pull the Triune God apart. For indeed to know Christ is to know the Father, and to know the Father is to know the Spirit, who enables us to stay true to the One Savior in the midst of a pluralistic world.

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5. Resources for your search
 - a. ***Everyday Questions*** current discipleship class, 9:30 am Sundays at AIC, room 404
 - b. rzim.org
 - c. ***I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist***, Frank Turek and Norman Geisler (YouTube video lectures and book) crossexamined.org
 - d. <https://www.gordonconwell.edu/resources/Is-Jesus-Really-the-Only-Way-to-God.cfm>