

**JESUS IS THE ONE
WHO IS BETRAYED**

John 13:31-14:31

INTRODUCTION

- Jesus lets His disciples know that the time has come for Him to leave.
- In their confusion and sadness, He comforts them by explaining to them the coming of the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus commands His disciples to love one another and tells them that if they love Him, they will also obey Him.

**A NEW
COMMANDMENT**

JOHN 13:31-35

NEW COMMANDMENT

- Once Judas has left, his evil presence is removed from the room.
- Jesus prepares them for His departure. They don't know why or understand why.
- Moreover, they don't know the manner in which He will be leaving them: through His death.
- His glorification will come through a brutal death.

NEW COMMANDMENT

- With Judas gone, Jesus can now speak to the remaining eleven disciples about His glorification.
- First comes the crucifixion, but that is followed by the resurrection and ascension.
- That is why Jesus would pray in chapter 17 - “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.”

NEW COMMANDMENT

- The mark of a disciple of Christ is love.
- This passage lays a strong groundwork for John's three epistles - this is a new commandment.
- We are not only to "love God" or to love Jesus, but we are also to "love one another."
- We find the same principle of loving in 1 John 2:9-10 and 3:11-18. "Know we are Christians by our love."

PETER'S DENIAL

JOHN 13:36-38

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- When Jesus stopped to take a breath, Peter jumped in with his question: Where are you going?
- He tells them they will follow but not now: heaven.
- Not satisfied to come later, Peter wants to go with Jesus right now. To show how dedicated he is to the cause, he says he will lay down his life.
- The response from Jesus silences him (until John 18).

I AM THE WAY

JOHN 14:1-14

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- The disciples are troubled and need affirmation.
- He begins by talking about belief in God the Father. As good Jews, they believed in God. Now He asks them to also believe in Him.
- “In my Father’s house are many rooms” - this isn’t about buildings as much as it is about space.
- He promises to prepare a place for them.

I AM THE WAY

- Father's house - our desire since the creation is to "come home." When we come to the Father's house, we will finally be home.
- Heaven is our final home, and Jesus will make sure that it is prepared for us in every conceivable way.
- (vs. 3) "I will come again" - that is the promise of His second coming.

I AM THE WAY

- Jesus said that they should know the way. It is obvious from the question from Thomas they do not.
- Jesus then delivers one of the most important statements in the New Testament: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
- Hebrews 10:19 - “We have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus.”

I AM THE WAY

- (vs. 8) Philip now asks another question: “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”
- The response from Jesus is another reminder that there is no difference between God the Father and God the Son (Jesus Christ).
- (vs. 9) “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”
- (vs. 10) “I am in the Father and the Father is in me.”

I AM THE WAY

- (vs. 12) This is one of the more difficult passages - How will we do greater works than Jesus?
- The best interpretation is to take the passage literally since we know that the ministry of Jesus was limited by time and space.
- His ministry only lasted three years, and He never left the boundaries of Palestine. The disciples carried the ministry throughout the known world.

I AM THE WAY

- (vs. 13) Whatever we do in the name of Jesus will bring glory to God.
- This is also one of the great prayer promises in the Bible. We are to ask boldly and expect that God will answer our prayers.
- We will learn more about how to pray boldly for God to act in chapter 16.
- Jesus also instructs us to pray in His name.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

JOHN 14:15-31

HOLY SPIRIT

- The activity of the Holy Spirit is best demonstrated in the book of Acts.
- However, the best book to use to develop a theology of the Holy Spirit is John 14-16.
- Jesus begins by telling them that God the Father will send the Holy Spirit (another Helper) who will be with them forever.
- After the day of Pentecost, He indwells each believer.

HOLY SPIRIT

- He dwells “with you” - in the Greek, it means “beside you.” Then the Holy Spirit “will be in you.”
- (vs. 18) What did Jesus mean: “I will come to you?”
- In the context, it most likely means He will come in the form of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- There are no orphans in the family of God, no one is ever abandoned. He is there forever (vs. 16).

HOLY SPIRIT

- (vs. 19) - “Because I live, you also will live.”
- That reminds us of the song, “Because he lives, I can face tomorrow, because he lives all fears are gone.”
- (vs. 20) “In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.” They will understand the Trinity (Father, Son, Spirit) when they are gathered in the upper room at Pentecost and have the Holy Spirit come down upon them.

HOLY SPIRIT

- (vs. 21) “Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”
- Evidence of salvation and the Holy Spirit is demonstrated by a desire to keep commandments.
- (vs. 22) The other Judas also asks a question. The simple answer is love (vs. 23-24).

HOLY SPIRIT

- (vs. 25-26) The Holy Spirit reminds us of truth that Jesus taught:
 - In the case of the disciples, it was an immediate application to their spiritual memories.
 - In our case, it is assistance in understanding and applying the Word of God.
- For them and us, we should be aware of the Spirit's presence in our lives.

HOLY SPIRIT

- (vs. 27) Then Jesus brings peace to them. Remember that the disciples at this point were troubled.
- They needed assurance of peace (mind and spirit). They will receive it (and we receive it) from the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
- (vs. 29) He tells them what will take place to once again show that He is the Messiah and doing what the Father has commanded Him to do.

HOLY SPIRIT

- (vs. 30) “The ruler of this world is coming” - this is a stark reminder that Satan is the ruler of this world.
- Notice that Jesus does not fear Satan because Satan has no claim on Him. Satan has no accusation against Jesus.
- Jesus did not fall into temptation. His obedience to the Father has been perfect. His obedience shows that He loves the Father.

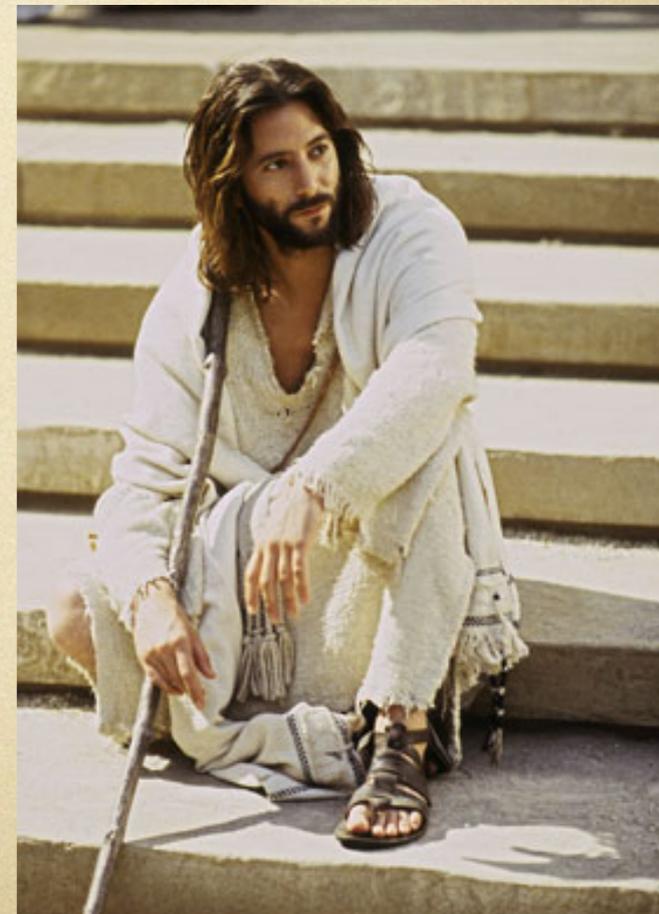
APPLICATION:

IS JESUS THE ONLY WAY?

Jesus Claimed to be God

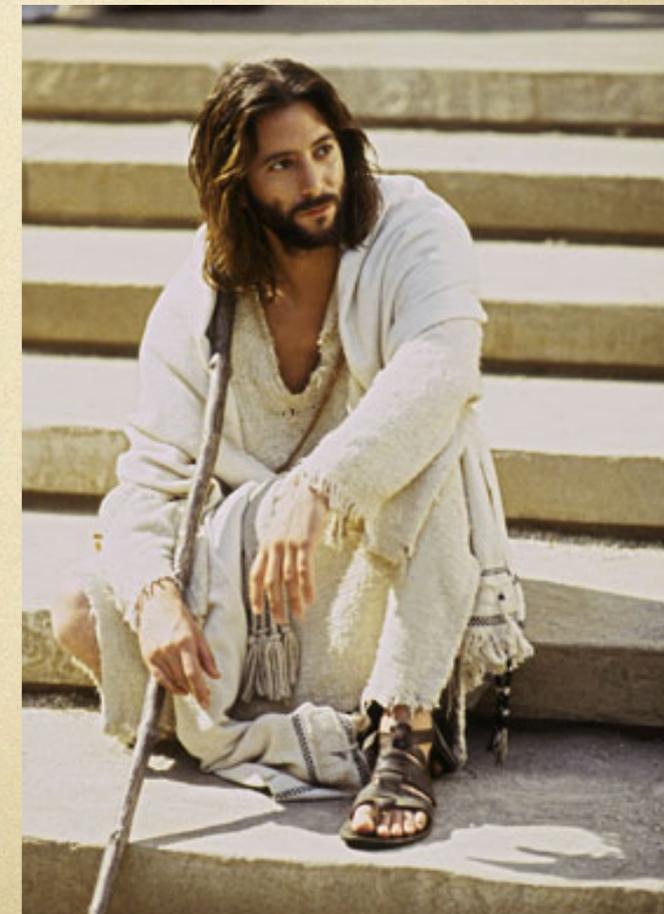
No other religious leader claimed to be God

- Mohammed claimed to be the final prophet of Allah.
- Buddha claimed to be the way shower.
- Jesus made some outrageous claims.



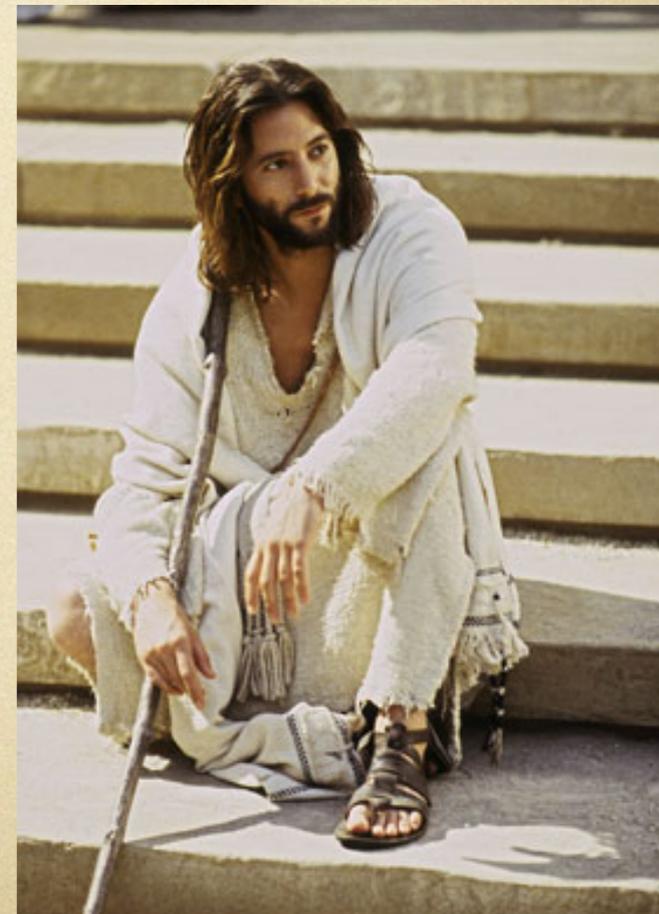
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- John 10:30 - "I and the Father are One."
- John 8:56-58 - "Before Abraham was born, I am."
- John 11:25-26 - "I am the resurrection and the life."



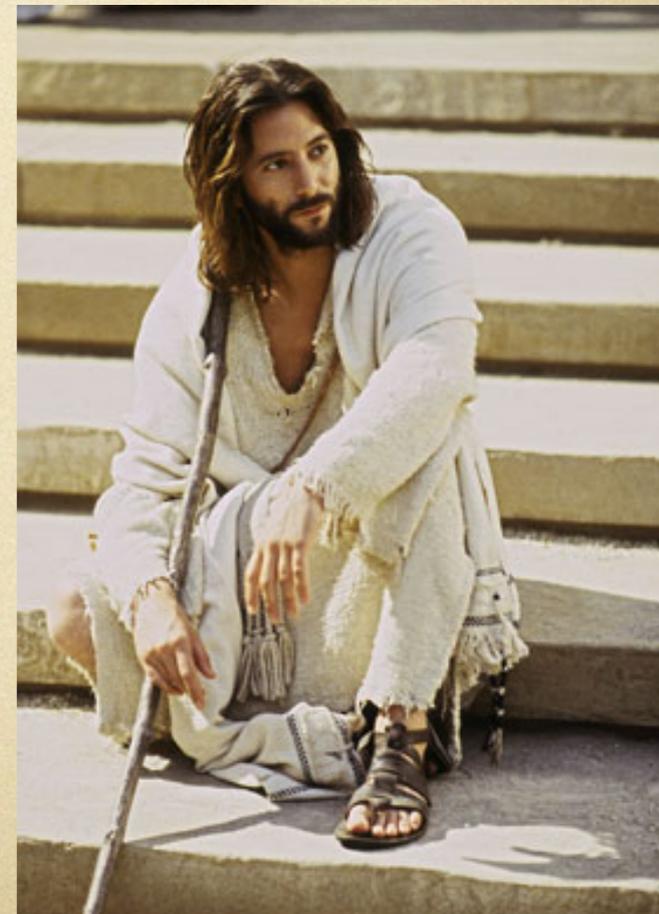
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1. Claimed to forgive sins (Mark 2:5-10).
2. A healer of disease (Mark 5:21).
3. Allowed others to worship Him
(Matt. 14:33; 28:9; cf. also Acts 10:25-26;
14:12-15).
4. Claimed to be “other worldly” in
origin and destiny (John 6:38).



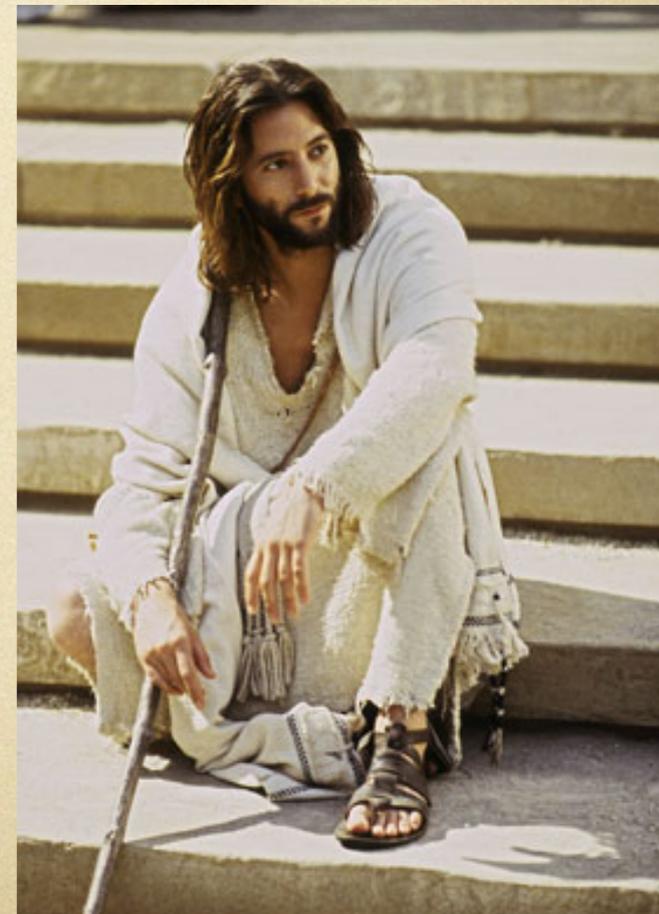
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5. Performed miracles over nature (Luke 9:16-17).
6. Claimed He has absolute, moral purity (John 8:46; cf. 2 Cor. 5:21).
7. Claimed to be God, Messiah, and the way to God (Mark 14:61-62; John 10:30; 14:6-9).



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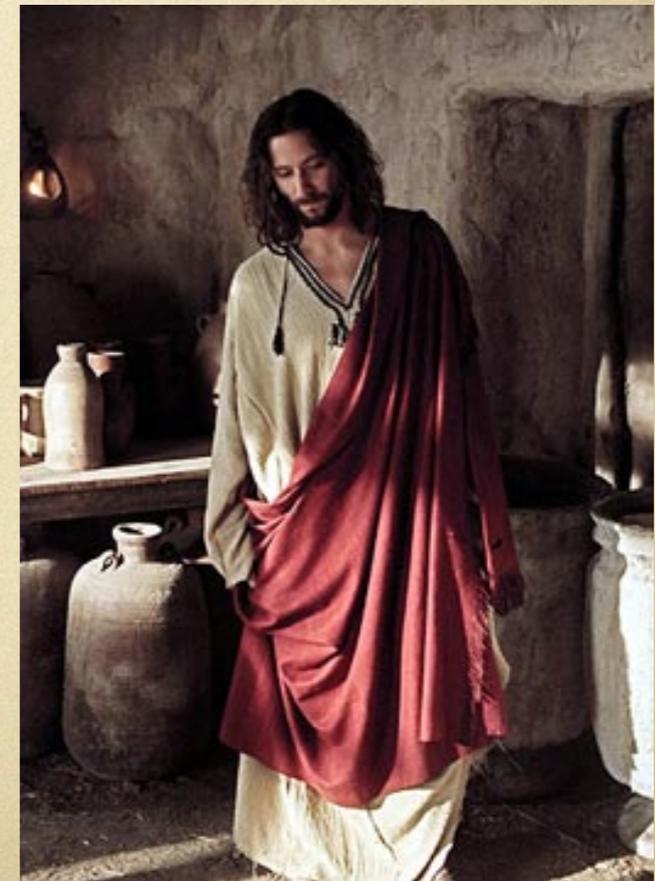
8. Allowed others to call Him God and Messiah (John 20:29; Matt. 16:15-17).
9. Claimed to be the fulfillment of all Messianic prophecies in the Old Testament (John 5:46-47; Luke 24:44).



Typical Responses

You are intolerant - character assassination

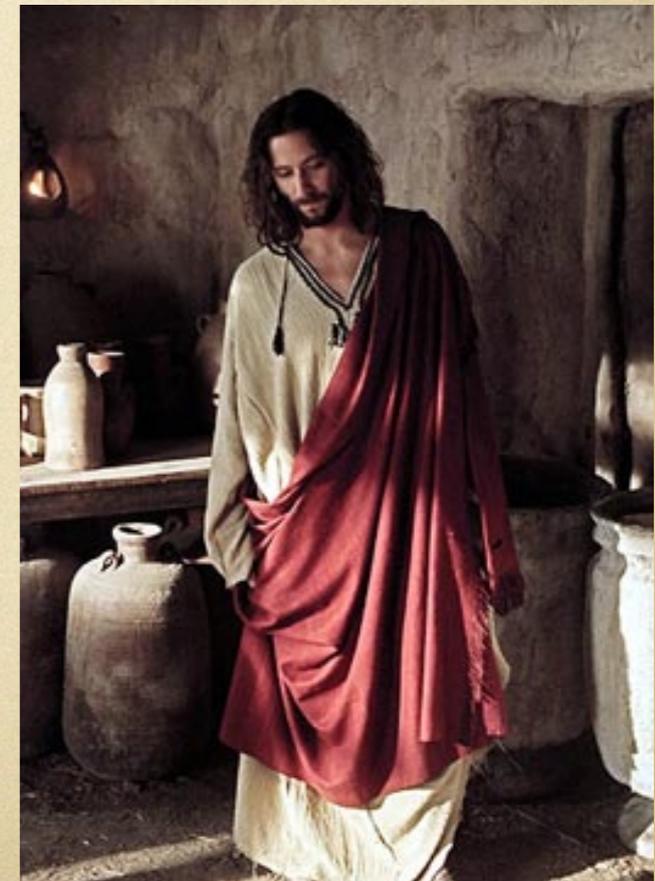
- Doctor diagnoses you with cancer - intolerant?
- Does the word intolerant assess the diagnosis?
- The attack on your character has nothing to do with the diagnosis



Typical Responses

You are arrogant - *ad hominem* attack

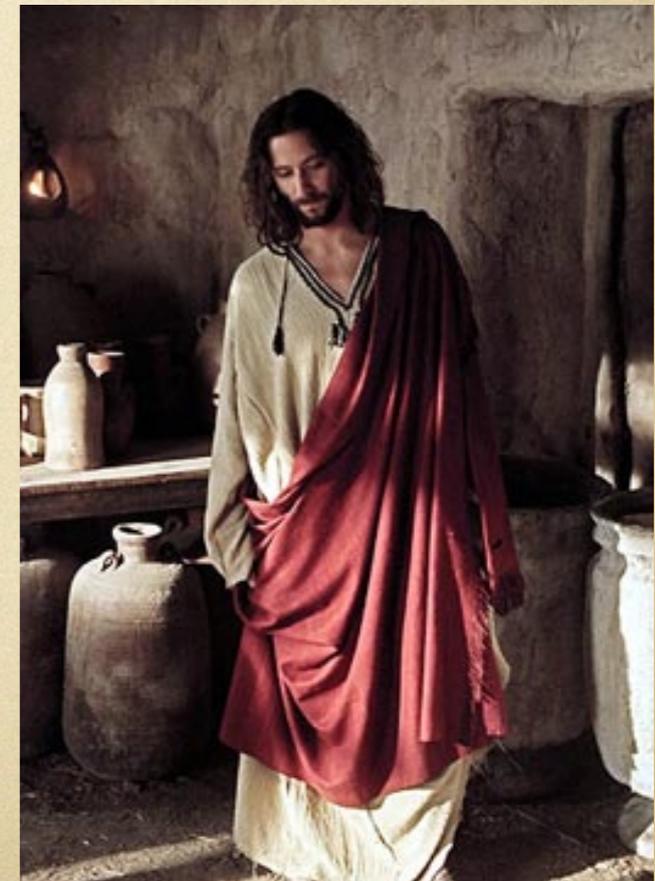
- Whether the charge is correct, it is irrelevant to the diagnosis.
- Self-incriminating - Why do you think that when I am right, that I am arrogant? But when you are right, you are just right?



Typical Responses

That's just your truth - postmodernism

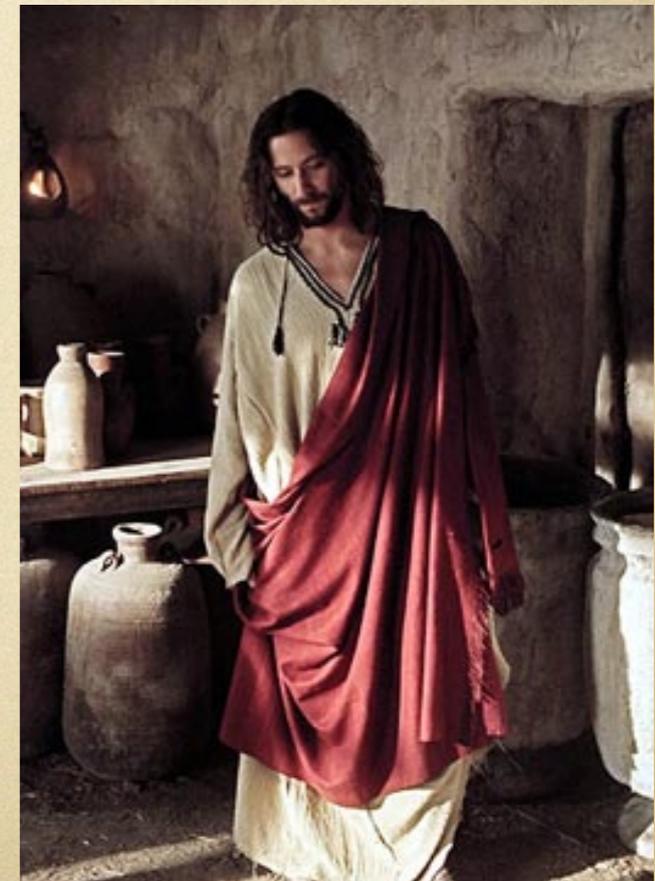
- Is it true because you believe it? Or do you believe it because it is true?
- Who are you to say what is true?
- The best case gets to say.



Typical Responses

All religions are true - religious pluralism

- World religions make competing truth claims and cannot all be true.
- Either Jesus is the Son of God or He is not.
- Religious pluralism is contradictory.



Conclusion

- John 14:6 - "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."
- Acts 4:12 - "And there is salvation in non one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."
- Acts 10:43 - "Everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness."

Conclusion

- 1 Timothy 2:5-6 - "For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all."
- 1 John 5:12 - "He who has the son has the life; he who does not have the son of God does not have the life."

C.S. Lewis

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about Him being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

