

I Can't Believe Jesus Is the Only Way to God

INTRODUCTION

I. Some basic presuppositions:

- Only God can clarify the issue.
- We can only know God's will if he has revealed it.
- Christianity's claim to have revelation from God is superior to all other claims because:
 1. The historical reliability of the Bible
 2. Fulfilled prophecy
 3. The unity and consistency of its message by multiple authors
 4. The resurrection of Jesus Christ

II. The claims of exclusivity.

A. Jesus' claim- John 14:1-6

¹"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. ²"In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. ³"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also. ⁴"And you know the way where I am going." ⁵Thomas *said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?" ⁶Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. John 14:1-6 (NASB)

B. Peter's claim

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people, ⁹ if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this *name* this man stands here before you in good health. ¹¹ "He is the **STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED** by you, **THE BUILDERS**, *but* **WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone**. ¹² "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:8-12 (NASB)

C. Paul's claim

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. ¹⁶ The gift is not like *that which came* through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment *arose* from one *transgression* resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift *arose* from many transgressions resulting in justification. ¹⁷ For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. ¹⁹ For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:15-21 (NASB)

⁵ For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus, 1 Timothy 2:5 (NASB)

D. John's claim

¹⁰ The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. ¹¹ And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. 1 John 5:10-12 (NASB)

E. The logic of the claim

1. Jesus is God $A = B$
2. Whatever you do to Jesus, you do to God $A + C = B + C$
3. If you believe in Jesus (=C), you believe in God $A + C = B + C$
4. If you don't believe in Jesus (=C), you don't believe in God $A + C = B + C$

III. Application