

**Tough Questions**  
**Is Jesus The Only Way To God?**  
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**I. Yes - because He says so!**

**A. Jesus said whoever believes in Him has eternal life.**

**John 3:14,15** - <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>**that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.**

**B. Jesus said He is “the bread of life.”**

**John 6:35** - <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, **“I am the bread of life;** whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

**C. Jesus said His Words are life.**

**John 6:63** - <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. **The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.**

**D. Jesus calls Himself “the door” of the sheep.**

**John 10:7,9** - <sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **I am the door of the sheep...**<sup>9</sup>**I am the door.** If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

**E. Jesus said He is “the resurrection.”**

**John 11:25** - <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, **“I am the resurrection** and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

**F. Jesus said He is “the way,” and “no one comes to the Father except through Him.”**

**John 14:6** - <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, **“I am the way,** and the truth, and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through me.**

**G. Jesus said eternal life comes from knowing Him.**

**John 17:3** - <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Maybe you think **“But that’s circular reasoning!”** It is, but that’s OK. Why?

**Because the Word of God is “self-attesting.”** He can’t be “proven” by making an appeal to any other authority because, in so doing, the Bible itself would not be our highest or absolute authority. It would then become subordinate to whatever thing or person an appeal was made to prove the Word of God to be true. Therefore, any argument for the absolute authority of the Word of God must ultimately appeal to itself for proof, lest the authority would not be absolute or highest.

**II. Yes - because He is the only mediator between us and God!**

**1 Tim. 2:5** - <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

**III. Yes - so getting this message out should be a high priority for Christians.**

**Acts 4:12** - <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

**Acts 13:38,39** - <sup>38</sup>Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, <sup>39</sup>and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

**1 John 2:12** - <sup>12</sup>I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name’s sake.

**IV. Yes - because He is the only sacrifice for sin.**

**1 John 2:2** - <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**2 Cor. 5:21** - <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**John 6:66-69** - <sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

**Questions for Community Group and/or Personal Application:**

- (1) Take a moment to review the things Jesus said about Himself under point I. Do any resonate with you? Why?
- (2) Do you ever study the Bible beyond just reading it? How do you do that?
- (3) Pastor Peter discussed “circular reasoning” and said it’s OK. Did you understand that point? Do you agree with it?
- (4) As you reflect on the exclusivity of Jesus Christ - the fact that He really is the only way to God - how does that stir your heart for unbelievers?