



## So What? Jesus Said He's The Only Way

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:** (Page 1)

#### **TRADITIONAL MODEL:**

Which of the five false conclusions concerning Jesus said he's the only way is the strongest to you?

Which of the five is the weakest to you? Why?

What other questions do you have about Jesus' declaration of being the only way do you have?

What changes do you feel should make based on this message?

How has your thinking been changed from the So What series?

When did you receive Jesus as your savior?

#### **CONTEMPLATIVE MODEL:**

What are you learning about God from this message?

What are you learning about yourself from the message?

What questions does this message bring up for you?



### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:** (Page 2)

What is God doing in your heart lately?

What things do you feel are getting in the way from what God wants to do in you?

What is the biggest thing causing you concern these days? (something to pray about)

#### **Leader Guide**

#### **Jesus Said He's The Only Way – So What?**

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According the Huffington Post there are 80,000 choices for how to have your coffee at Starbucks!

**It is estimated that there are 4,200 different religions in the world.**

Is religion like coffee? There are countless choices and is it to you as an individual to choose and personalize your religion.

Jesus's words on the way of salvation:

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

The Apostle Peter's words:

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."



### **The number of choices for religion can lead us to a few (false) conclusions:**

#### **1. There are so many options you can't choose.**

They're all the same, all roads lead to heaven, there are many ways to climb a mountain, whatever blows your hair back, whatever your bag is, if you can't be with the one you love then love the one you're with. It's a virtual Vegas buffet of religion for us.

But, Jesus said *follow me* (not your personal vision). He said we must choose.

#### **2. All religions are basically the same.**

There are definitely similarities among all religions: a higher power, an afterlife, a moral standard, a way to live etc.

But there are real differences that we cannot ignore:

1. Buddhism doesn't believe in a higher being. Christianity believes in God.
2. Muslim faith ranks Jesus as only a prophet. Christianity believes Jesus was God in human form who came to save human beings.
3. Hindus believe in millions of Gods. Christianity believes on one very personal God

Every non-Christian religious leader will tell you as well, that our beliefs are not compatible.

You cannot be a Buddhist Christian or Christian Buddhist.

Joh 14:6 No-one comes to the Father except through me.

Among different options you can say:

1. Somebody is right and others are wrong.
2. Everyone is wrong
3. You can't say that everybody is right.
- 3. You just need to be sincere in your beliefs.**

People can be sincerely wrong.

John 3 One of the most sincerely religious people who ever lived once came to Jesus – Nicodemus. Pharisee, ruling council – rigorously sincere, educated... and Jesus said to him, *you must be born again.*

#### **4. We need to be tolerant.**



## 3 Kinds of Tolerance:

### *Legal Tolerance*

All of us are endowed with *inalienable rights*.

Jesus and the bible clearly support legal tolerance.

### *Social Tolerance*

Accepting someone else as a human being regardless what they believe, interactions laden with love, listening, respect and empathy is supported biblically.

Jesus clearly lived a life of tolerance and acceptance. He was accused of being a *friend of sinners*. He partied with them, sat and chatted with them, ate meals with them. He was ridiculed and despised for accepting them. The strongest evidence for Jesus' acceptance of others was that people who were nothing like Jesus, liked Jesus.

### *Intellectual Tolerance*

Accepting every idea, value and belief as valid and true? That is impossible.

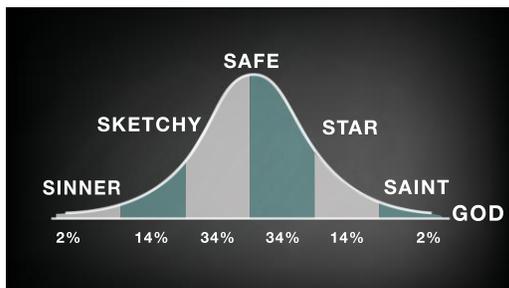
## 5. **What matters is that you're a good person.**

What really matters is that you're a good person?

Is that what matters in the end – how good you are?

80,000 sins in a lifetime?

**A bell curve of human goodness** (2005. James Emery White/Serious Times):



Bad news. God doesn't grade on a curve. It's a pass-fail course.

Worse news: We're only compared to one individual – God:  
Ro 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God



### **What is the Gospel?**

The Gospel is the “good news” that Jesus entered into our broken world to rescue us from sin. The good news is that through Christ’s redemptive sacrifice on the cross, sinners are pardoned, the undeserving are given grace, and the broken are restored. There is no sin too heinous for God’s forgiveness. There is no person so good in-and-of-themselves that they do not require forgiveness. Salvation is a free gift of God to anyone who genuinely acknowledges their brokenness and confesses saving faith in the Son of God. It doesn’t take strong faith, just genuine faith in order to be saved.

An example prayer you could pray:

*Heavenly Father, I acknowledge I’m broken and a sinner. I believe that Christ died on the cross for sin, and through his resurrection overcame sin and death. I believe in you. I thank you for saving me.*

The good news does not end with a confession of faith. New faith can grow into deep faith if cultivated. Let someone at Sunridge know about your new-found faith, and inquire about our new believer’s resource: [God Time: Your First 31 Days](#). Follow Christ wholeheartedly by professing your faith publicly through baptism, learning the Bible by attending church regularly and pursuing the unique calling of Jesus in your life!

We are looking for reasonable certainty

Each of us spend eternity in exactly the place we chose.

### **OTHER FANTASTIC RESOURCES:**

#### **For listeners:**

- Check out Andy Stanley’s series, *Who Needs God* (Aug-Sept 2016) @ northpoint.org  
Also available by podcast
- For more scientific conversation listen to the weekly podcast, *Unbelievable*.  
<http://www.premierchristianradio.com/Shows/Saturday/Unbelievable>

#### **For readers/book recommendations:**

- [A Search For The Spiritual: Exploring Real Christianity](#). James Emery White
- [The Case For Faith](#). Lee Strobel
- [The Case For Christ](#). Lee Strobel