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How Can Jesus be the Only Way?

How have you seen religion be divisive in your own life? How about around the world and throughout history?

Read John 14:1-6

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”

5 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.

What is christian particularism? (The belief that Christ alone is the way to God)

What is religious pluralism? (The belief that all religions are equally valid)

Why is it important to believe the truth rather than what we would like to believe?

Are all religions basically the same?

What are some beliefs held by different religions that are incompatible with each other?

Do you think that it is arrogant to hold the belief that Christ alone is the way to God?

What is Argument Ad Hominem? (Trying to show someone’s view is false by attacking their personal character). Can you think of any examples? Does being arrogant for holding the belief that Jesus is the only way to heaven mean that he is not the only way to heaven? Do you think it is arrogant to hold the belief that Jesus is the only way to heaven? Why or why not?

Do you think religious beliefs are a result of where you are born?

What is a genetic fallacy? What are some examples? Does believing the religion you were surrounded by growing up show that that religion is false?

Read Romans 1:20 NIV

20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

How does this verse show that people have reason to believe God exists? (Everyone can see that the complexity of creation points to a designer who created it).

Do you believe people have a basic common understanding of right and wrong?

How do these two pieces of evidence give people the opportunity to experience salvation?

Do you think most people are on a truth quest or a happiness quest? Why or why not?

Why do you think Jesus might appear to some people in dreams and visions and not others?

What were your thoughts about the story of John, the man who had a vision of Jesus and converted to Christianity?

If Jesus truly is the only way to the Father, how should we let that truth influence our actions?