

Scripture Reference: John 14:6-7

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Title: "Jesus is the Source of Absolute Truth"

Focus: Jesus alone speaks authoritatively about who God is and what He says (Biblical World View Series 5 of 10)

Intro:

vv. 1-5; It is the night of Jesus' betrayal and the time of the crucifixion is fast approaching.

Jesus is preparing His followers for His departure, telling them not to worry, that He is "going to prepare a place for them."

Jesus speaks of His death being the means of reconciliation to God.

But, like anyone listening would have thought, the disciples envisioned Jesus going to another location to make preparation for them to move.

So, when Jesus told them they would all be together in this place, Thomas wanted to know where it was and how to get there.

It is essential to recognize Jesus is making claims about eternity.

With no hesitation He asserts He is the sole source of:

Forgiveness, Truth, and Access to a relationship with God

He also claims exact likeness with God, so that anyone who knows Him also knows God.

He was saying He is the true way to a relationship with God.

C. S. Lewis said, in making these assertions, Jesus is lying, a lunatic, or who He claims.

What Say You?

Body:

Is Jesus who He claims to be?

What is He claiming? He is asserting to be:

THE way; The only means for sin's forgiveness. (Acts 4:12)

THE truth; The only reliable revelation of who God is, eternity, the condition of man and creation, and reconciliation to God. (John 6:63)

THE life; The only path by which a person can come into a relationship with God. (John 17:3)

THE exact representation of God; The only revelation of God's person and nature. (Phil 2:6)

There is exclusivity in Jesus' claim. Either He is the ONLY or He is not. If we entertain the notion that Jesus is one of many ways, truths, lives, and revelations of God, then He is not the only.

How you handle this issue impacts who you are, how you live, and your eternity.

Think Carefully Before You Respond

Don't just take Him by His words, look at His actions

When John wondered if Jesus was "The One," Jesus told him to look at what He did.

Jesus didn't do *good things*; He did *miraculous* things. Things only God can do. (Matt. 11:3-5)

The blind received their sight, the lame walked, the lepers were cured, the deaf heard, the dead were raised to life, those who were broken spiritually found life.

Today some would call the authenticity of these things into question. Why? Since they cannot refute the source, they can only question its validity.

The problem is, the blind still see, the lame still walk, the leper is still cured, the deaf still hear, the dead are still raised, those who are broken spiritually find life. This is true spiritually and physically.

Those who have encountered Jesus, in whom He now lives, are the greatest so evidence Jesus is who He claims to be.

Has anything Jesus claimed (What He claimed, not what someone said He claimed) failed to be realized? - John 10:37-38

Don't just take Him by His words, look at His resurrection

Paul told the people in Athens that proof of who Jesus also rest in His resurrection. - Acts 17:3

God raised Jesus as vindication of who He claimed to be. If Jesus had been a liar or a madman, He would still be in the tomb.

Show me the body!

Ephesians 1:18-20; *“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places”*

Closing:

1. What gives Jesus the right to make such claims, the fact that they are true.
2. Jesus is the ONLY source for the forgiveness of sins, for truth, for a relationship with God, to know who God is. There are no others.

3. For 2,000 years His claim has stood the criticism of critics and the efforts of skeptics to refute. They have not been able, because Jesus is who He claims to be.

4. Your response to this will determine the development of your person, the character of your life, and the destiny of your eternal being.