

Jesus the Only Way!!!

Yes, Jesus is the only way to heaven. Such an exclusive statement may confuse, surprise, or even offend, but it is true nonetheless. The Bible teaches that there is no other way to salvation than through Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself says in

<u>John 14:6</u>, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

He is not *a* way, as in one of many; He is *the* way, as in the one and only. No one, regardless of reputation, achievement, special knowledge, or personal holiness, can come to God the Father except through Jesus.

Why Jesus is the Only Way to Heaven!

First you must believe there is a GOD and that HE is the ONLY way to heaven.

1. We must first ask the question is there a God?

- o Who is the giver and sustainer of Life and He is All Powerful
- o Gen 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness [a] was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said,

- o **Gen 1:26** Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, ^[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them
- o **Gen 2: 7** Then the LORD God formed a man^[c] from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.
 - Lets us know that God
- Psalm 139:13-16 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb
- o God Created Heaven and the angels
 - Nehemiah 9:6 You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.
 - **Isaiah 45:18** For thus says the LORD,

Who created the heavens,

Who is God.

Who formed the earth and made it,

Who has established it,

Who did not create it [a]in vain,

Who formed it to be inhabited:

"I am the LORD, and there is no other.

- o God is All powerful
 - Gen 18:14 Is anything too hard for the LORD?
 - Luke 1:37 For nothing will be impossible with God."

- Deut 32:39_"See now that I myself am he!
 There is no god besides me.

 I put to death and I bring to life,
 I have wounded and I will heal,
 and no one can deliver out of my hand.
- o God has no Beginning or an end... He is Always
 - Psalms 90 Lord, You have been our [a]dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You [b]had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God.
- God is the Creator of the Universe, Giver of Light, Oxygen,
 Vegetation, Wildlife and Mankind. The one to nothing created
 Something, A God is all Knowing and All Powerful!

2. Secondly We must Look at ourselves (Video)

- Look at the fall of Adam and Eve in Gen 3 is easy for us to shift blame of ourselves
- o Blaming Childhoods
 - Where we grew up
 - How we grew up
 - The school we attended
 - The Parents we had
 - The culture that we were born to
 - Our physical, or mental defects as we see them
- o Reason to what we shift blame off our decisions
- o But what doses God word say about us

- Romans 3:23²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- Isaiah 64:6⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.
- Psalm 51:5 "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me
- Romans 7:24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Do you believe you have the POWER to save yourself? NO, Jesus is the only Way!

3. Jesus has the POWER to save Humanity

- o If we say that nothing is impossible for God
- o Only God has the Power to redeem us
- Romans 5:19 Action of one we became sinner and by the action of one we are made righteous
- Jesus showed his Godly Power
 - Walked on water
 - Healed the Blind
 - Calm the Storms
 - Raised the Dead

- 1 Corinthians 15:6 He was Raised from the Dead should himself to over 500 witness, never to die again
- Acts 1:10 Ascends to Heaven and sends he spirit
- All other Religious Leaders DIED
 - 1. Buddha
 - 2. Confucius
 - 3. Joseph Smith
 - 4. Krishna
 - 5. Muhammad

4. Jesus has fulfilled the Prophecies

Gen 3:15	Seed of a woman (virgin birth)	Gal 3:16; Gal 4:4-5; Matt 1:18
Gen 3:15	He will bruise Satan's head	Heb 2:14; 1 John 3:8
Ex 3:13-15	The Great "I AM"	John 4:26; 8:58
Ex 12:5	A Lamb without blemish	Heb 9:14; 1 Pet 1:19
Ex 12:21-27	Christ is our Passover	1 Cor 5:7
Isa 7:14	To be born of a virgin	Luke 1:35

Isa 7:14	To be Emmanuel-God with us	Matt 1:18- 23; 1 Tim 3:16
Mic 5:	Born in Bethlehem	Matt 2:1-6
Isa 40:11	A shepherd-compassionate life-giver	John 10:10-18
Isa 42:1-4	The Servant-as a faithful, patient redeemer	Matt 12:18-21
Isa 42:2	Meek and lowly	Matt 11:28-30
Isa 42:3	He brings hope for the hopeless	John 4
Isa 50:6a	"I gave my back to those who struck Me"	Matt 27:26
Isa 50:6b	He was smitten on the cheeks	Matt 26:67
Isa 50:6c	He was spat upon	Matt 27:30
Isa 53:3a	Despised	Luke 4:28- 29
Isa 53:3b	Rejected	Matt 27:21-23
Isa 53:3c	Great sorrow and grief	Matt 26:37-38; Lu

Isa 53:5a	Bears penalty for mankind's iniquities	2 Cor 5:21; Heb 2:9
Isa 53:5b	His sacrifice provides peace between man and God	Col 1:20
Isa 53:5c	His sacrifice would heal man of sin	1 Pet 2:24
Isa 53:6a	He would be the sin-bearer for all mankind	1 John 2:2; 4:10
Isa 53:6b	God's will that He bear sin for all mankind	Gal 1:4
Isa 53:7a	Oppressed and afflicted	Matt 27:27-31
Isa 53:7b	Silent before his accusers	Matt 27:12-14
Isa 53:7c	Sacrificial lamb	John 1:29; 1 Pet 1:18- 19
Zech 12:10a	The Messiah's body would be pierced	John 19:34-37
Zech 12:10b	The Messiah would be both God and man	John 10:30

5. Jesus Message for the Solution of Sin

- Mankind can't fix the problem of Sin!!!
- Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the agift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- o Other Religions say if you only work harder than you can be saved.
- Go and do Deeds then you can be saved
- Satan Trick is for us to place our Faith in ourselves
 - Satan the originator of **SELF** saving Religion!
 - Gen 3:1-4
- Judaism Obey Law of Moses then you will be saved
- Islam Obey Allah commandments then you are saved
- Hinduism Achieve nirvana
- Buddhism Follow the eightfold Path
- All are Work focused/Self focused— to Do to be save, to make it to Heaven one must complete some unknown number of tasks to achieve admission into heaven.
- We can't be saved through works. You cannot save yourself Romans 4:1-12,
- o The

Jesus Christ Solution - Ephesians 2:4-9

- John 14:15 Jesus say if you Love me keep my commands
- What are the Commandments of Jesus the Christ?
- 1. "Do Not react out of anger or hate"

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also," (Matt 5:38-39 NIV).

2. "When you stand praying, forgive"

"And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your sins." (Mark 11:25-26 NIV)

3. "Remain in Me and I will remain in you"

When you ask Jesus into your heart and He becomes your Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit lives in you, and you in Him. Here Jesus uses a grapevine to compare our relationship with Him. "Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." (John 15:4 NIV)

4. "Let your light shine before men"

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden." In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven," (Matt 5:14;16 NIV).

5. "Settle matters quickly with your adversary"

"Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison." (Matt 5:25 NIV)

6. "Get rid of whatever causes you to sin"

"If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell." (Matt 5:29-30 NIV)

7. "Giving More than is Demanded"

(Go the extra Mile)

"And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you," (Matt 5:40-42 NIV).

8. "Love Your Enemies"

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.

He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous," (Matt 5:43-45 NIV).

9. "Give to Please God, Not to be Seen"

"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven," (Matt 6:1 NIV).

10. "Fast Without Fanfare"

"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full," (Matt 6:16 NIV).

11. "Do not Store up Treasures on Earth"

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also,"... ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matt 6:19-21, 33 NIV).

12. "Do not Worry about Your Needs"

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"... (Matt 6:25-26 NIV). Commandments of Jesus

13. "Do not Worry about Tomorrow"

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own," (Matt 6:34 NIV).

14. "Do not Judge"

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you," (Matt 7:1-2 NIV).

15. "Do not Exalt Yourself"

"But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have only one Master and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven.

Nor are you to be called 'teacher,' for you have one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you will be your servant.

For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted," (Matt 23:8-12 NIV).

16. "Do not Oppose Other Christian Groups"

"Teacher," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."

"Do not stop him," Jesus said. "No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us," (Mark 9:38-40 NIV).

17. "Love One Another"

(This commandment of Jesus summarizes all the others.)

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you," (John 15:12 KJV).

18. "Do this in Remembrance of Me"

"And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

"In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you,'" (Luke 22:19-20 NIV).

19. "Be Merciful"

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful," (Luke 6:36 NIV).

20. "Go and Make Disciples of All Nations, Baptizing Them"

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age," (Matt 28:19-20 NIV).

21. "You Must be Ready"

"You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him," (Luke 12:40 NIV).

22. "Obey What I Command"

"If you love me, you will obey what I command," (John 14:15 NIV).

- 23. Additional Verses. John 10:27-30, Romans 8:14-17, 31-39, Gal 5:19-23, 2 Tim 2:11-13, Heb 10:23-25, 1 john 1:1-5, 2:1-6
- The Reason for the LAW
- o Romans 7:7 Well then, am I suggesting that the law of God is sinful? Of course not! In fact, it was the law that showed me my sin. I would never have known that coveting is wrong if the law had not said, "You must not covet."
- o Romans 3:23 All have sin and fall short of the glory of God
- o Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- We all have been found Guilty and because of that we desired the death penalty. We can't the pay restitution because it death
- Separation from God!!!!
- Jesus Solution to sin
- o Mathew 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
- The Solution to Sin is work but Belief
- John 6:29Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."
- WE are clothed with His Righteousness

Ephesians 4:20-23 ²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.