

Only One Way?

John 14:6

Introduction

Why does Jesus have to be the only way? Lets answer with three questions:

1. Why does the issue arise in this text?

v. 1 tells us the hearts of the disciples are troubled.:

Philip identifies the core issue for us in v.8 when he says to Jesus, “*Show us the Father*”. That is the ultimate issue of spirituality; what is God like?

2. How does Jesus answer?

Jesus answers with unambiguous clarity:

v.6: *I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father...*

v.9: *If you've seen Me, you've seen the Father*

v.10: *The Father is in Me, I am in the Father*

But this passage isn't Jesus' only claim to deity:

-He claimed to be that which only God is:

-He claimed to do that which only God can do:

Apparently his disciples got the point because they too testify to the same thing, even at the cost of their lives.

3. What are the options for understanding his answer?

Option 1: **Jesus never said this.**

If Jesus never said this, then:

- a. Why was Jesus crucified for this claim (blasphemy, making himself out to be God)?
- b. Why is it repeated by his followers?

Option 2: **Jesus said this, the correct interpretation is universalism**

Option 3: **Christ said this, but the correct interpretation is relativism.**

Relativism assumes the clarity of man and the confusion of God.

Christianity assumes the charity of God in spite of the confusion of man.

Consider these problems:

1. If the goal was peace, the price tag was truth.
2. All religions do not teach the same thing at their core.
3. Relativism makes no sense of Jesus' life or claims.

Option 4: **Jesus is the Only Way**

What did Jesus intend to communicate in this claim?

Jesus is the way

Jesus is the truth

Jesus is the life