

Bible's

Believe It or Not!

2/27/28
Jesus is
the only way
to heaven
 LEE POWELL SENIOR PASTOR

... "I am the way, the truth, and the life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

JOHN 14:6

The Three Big "Buts":

1. But aren't all religions basically the same?

But we know that there is only one God, the Father, who created everything, and we live for him. And there is only one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom God made everything and through whom we have been given life.

1 CORINTHIANS 8:6

all other religions



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Christianity



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2. But who is to say one religion is "right" and another is "wrong?"



I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-6

3. But isn't it snobbery, to the tenth degree, to say Christianity is the only way?

"... it's not narrow-minded to act upon the evidence and pursue the truth."

Lee Strobel, *"Is Jesus the Only Way to God?"*

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All Scripture is from the New Living Translation.

Living **it** Out DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Discuss these questions in your LifeGroup, and/or with your family and friends.)

1. We know that about 50% of the folks who come to CedarCreek each weekend are searching for God. Many of those searching struggle with the Bible's truth that there is only one way to heaven. If you are one of those folks, forgive us for asking, but which "Big But" is yours?
2. During his message, Lee quoted former atheist, now pastor and best-selling author, Lee Strobel's words: "It's not narrow-minded to act upon the evidence and pursue the truth." Why do non-believers get so upset when Christians say that Jesus is the only way?
3. Why can't every religion be right? Why is the "coexist" movement, which pushes universal acceptance for all religions fundamentally flawed?
4. Think about all of the religions that Lee mentioned during his talk. While you might not remember the specific details, think about what those religions have in common. Now, how does salvation through Christ alone conflict with the other religions?
5. Just as salvation through Christ alone separates Christianity from other religions, so does our ability to know and be known by God distinguish us from other faiths. Describe the impact of knowing God personally has had on your life.
6. For those who call themselves Christ-followers, Lee really impressed upon us the importance of having an answer for why we believe what we believe. Describe a time when you were called upon to defend your faith and you were not prepared. Roll play that situation again and talk about what you should have shared when asked the question: "Why is Jesus the only way to heaven?"

FEATURED SONGS:

Believe, by The Bravery **No Not One**, by Christy Nockels
 Perrysburg - Nate Manuel, Lisa Warren; Toledo - Kyle Gray, Lindsey Frantz; Whitehouse - Cory Payne, Lauren Miller

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

(Memorize this verse for the month of February.)

MATTHEW 16:24
 (New Living Translation)

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me."