

COMMON OBJECTION

How can Christians say their religion is the only way to God?

How can you say, “Jesus is the only way to God”? That represents nothing but prejudice and narrow-mindedness.

First, to stick up for something based on facts is not prejudice. Do we call people narrow-minded if they stick up for the fact that anyone who steps off a ten-story building without aid will fall down? We should determine whether what we believe is based on opinion or truth, and to change our views as we learn more. When Christians say “one way,” they are not prejudiced. Of all the people in the world, the true disciple must be the one most open to truth, and change his views because of truth when necessary. We say “one way” because the Lord Jesus said it. If someone does not agree with this, he doesn’t contend with us. We did not say it. Jesus himself said it!

John 14:6 says: Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

C. S. Lewis said that Jesus can only be one of four things:

1. He was a legend. He did not really exist. But that is silly, because we have records in history besides the Bible that demonstrate Jesus really did live here on earth. And reading “2005” on a calendar tells you that about two thousand and five years ago; someone came who split history in half. Our time divides into two big pieces—B.C. and A.D.—before Christ and after His birth. No one else has ever been thought as important as this. No, Jesus was not just a dream or myth.

2. He was a liar. Some say, “Oh, I believe Jesus was real, but He was only a great moral teacher.” If Jesus was *not* what he claimed, then he was no great moral teacher, but the biggest liar in history, because he made the greatest claims in history. But the life and words of Jesus hold no fault. Not even his enemies could show that he had ever lied or been untrue to His word. He could say, “Which of you can convict me of sin?” (John 8:46), and no one could. He was no liar.

3. He was a lunatic. About the only other thing you can say (apart from trying to prove that He did not actually say what He said in the Bible) is that perhaps Jesus really did think he was what he said, but he was insane. However, we know a lot about mental illness today, and Jesus showed none of those signs, even when under great stress or pressure. No, the assertion of insanity doesn’t hold.

4. He was who He claimed—the Lord of glory. Hundreds of thousands of people of all ages, races, and cultures have come and found Him to be all that He claimed. So, when we describe Jesus as the only way, we merely proclaim what Jesus stated. Critics don’t argue with us, but with Jesus.