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# The Way

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# John 14:1-7 (ESV)

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

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<sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.”

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have

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<sup>7</sup> known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

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**“It is possible to climb life’s mountain from any side, but when the top is reached the trails converge. At base, in the foothills of theology, ritual, and organizational structure, the religions are distinct. Differences in culture, history, geography,**

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**and collective temperament all make for diverse starting points...but beyond these differences, the same goal beckons.” -Huston Smith**

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**“In the light of our accumulated knowledge of the other great world faiths [Christian exclusivism] has become unacceptable to all except a minority of dogmatic diehards. For it conflicts with our concept of God, which we have received**

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**from Jesus, as the loving heavenly Father of all mankind; could such a Being have restricted the possibility of salvation to those who happen to have been born in certain countries in certain periods of history?”**

**-John Hick**

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## John 3:16-18 (ESV)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever

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# John 3:16-18 (ESV)

**<sup>18</sup> does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.**

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# John 3:35-36 (ESV)

The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. <sup>36</sup> Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

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# Acts 4:12 (ESV)

**And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”**

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**Christianity's exclusivity is an  
inclusive exclusivity.**

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# 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 12-19 (ESV)

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to

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# 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 12-19 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me...

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# 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 12-19 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

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# 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 12-19 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

<sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in

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# 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 12-19 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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**“The resurrection is the hinge on which all Christianity turns. It’s the foundation on which everything else rests, the capstone that holds everything else about Christianity together. Which means – crucially – that when Christians assert that Jesus rose from the dead, they are making a *historical***

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**claim, not a religious one. Yes, of course, there are ‘religious’ implications to that claim, if you want to call them that, but none of those are in the least valid if Jesus didn’t really, truly, historically come back to life from the dead”. –Greg Gilbert<sup>3</sup>**

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**“I believe because He fulfills none of my dreams, because He is in every respect the opposite of what He would be if I could have made Him in my own image.” -W.H. Auden**

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