

Is Jesus Exclusive or Inclusive?

Message 4/6/25

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

John 14:1-7 NIV

BIG IDEA: Jesus is worth considering because his claim wasn't arrogant and exclusive but welcoming and gracious.

Objections to Jesus' Exclusive Claim:

1. All religions are the same.
2. That's so arrogant.

Addressing the Objections:

1. All religions aren't the same.
2. All religions make exclusive and absolute claims.

Why Should We Consider Jesus?

1. Jesus is welcoming.
2. Jesus is gracious.

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

- Jesus is the way to God.
- Jesus is the truth about God.
- Jesus is the life you've always wanted.

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Share a time when you were included. What was that experience like?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Which word or phrase from the Key Scriptures speaks to you most?
- Read John 14:6. Truth isn't an idea; it's the person of Jesus. How does this influence how you share truth with others?
- Read Romans 3:22. Jesus is the only way to God, but everyone is invited into a relationship with God. What thoughts and feelings come up when you consider that truth?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Share a truth about Jesus that helps you remember how he is different from other world religions. How does this truth impact your view of God?
- Have you ever considered other world religions? What led you to accept Jesus as the way to God? If you haven't, what would it take to lead you to accept Jesus?
- Think about the way Jesus lived and loved. What stands out to you about his life, and how could that influence the way you live yours?

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Choose a way that Jesus lived or loved that you would like to commit to intentionally living out more.
- Do you still have more questions? Check out the *You've Heard It Said* miniseries, *Permission to Doubt*, to hear from people who have walked through doubt: www.go2.lc/YHISdoubt

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- *Almighty God, we know we could never earn Your love, so help us stop striving and find rest in Christ's finished work on the cross. Thank You for sending Jesus to our world so that we could have a relationship with You. We praise You, and we believe Jesus is the name that is above all names. In Jesus' name, amen.*