

Series: Life's Ultimate Questions

Is Jesus the Only Way to Heaven?

John 14:1-15

Why Jesus is the Only Way:

1. No one deserves _____. (Rom. 3:10-18)
2. We cannot _____ ourselves, nor can any other human being. (Eph. 2:8-9)
3. We cannot get to God, so Jesus _____ God to us. (John 1:1, 14)
4. Only Jesus has _____ from the _____. (1Cor. 15:3-8)

Support of the Deity of Jesus:

1. Jesus' impossible fulfillment of _____ biblical prophecy. (John 14:1-3)

- Objection #1 – Jesus orchestrated the fulfillment of the prophecies.

- Answer #1 – The orchestrating of certain prophecies would have not only been impossible, but some would have been lunacy, especially orchestrating your own brutal death knowing it was a lie.

Objection #2 – They were written after the fact and fabricated.

Answer #2 – Too many manuscripts of non-biblical writers have been found which corroborate the events of the Bible completely.

2. Jesus' _____ life showing He was God. (John 14:7-11)

- Both Christian and non-Christian scholars together decided that if one came into the world who was actually God, 8 different things would be expected of Him as God:

- (1) He would have an utterly unique entrance into human history – the virgin birth.
- (2) He would be without sin.
- (3) He would perform supernatural miracles.
- (4) He would live more perfectly than any human has ever lived.
- (5) He would speak the greatest words ever spoken.
- (6) He would have an everlasting universal influence.
- (7) He would satisfy spiritual hunger in humanity.
- (8) He would overcome death.¹

¹ Josh McDowell, *The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict* (Thomas Nelson Publishers: Nashville, TN, 1999), 287.

3. Jesus' resurrection from the dead _____ that He is God in flesh and the source of all _____, just like He said He was. (John 20:1-10)

Objection #1 – The disciples stole the body.

Answer #1 – The disciples were too frightened and dismayed to have overcome a posted guard of trained Roman soldiers to have stolen the body and the first place these disciples started preaching the resurrection was in Jerusalem where if they were lying they could have most easily been exposed.

Objection #2 – Jesus' enemies stole the body.

Answer #2 – This means that once the disciples started preaching the resurrection these enemies could have produced the body, but they didn't.

Objection #3 – The women went to the wrong tomb.

Answer #3 – The women knew right where He was buried, the disciples went to check out the story to see if they were wrong, and if both the women and the disciples would have gone to the wrong tomb the Roman and Jewish authorities would have went to the right tomb and produced the body.

Objection #4 – Jesus' followers were hallucinating.

Answer #4 – Hallucinations are a result of something already in the mind. The disciples were not expecting a resurrection, which is why they fought His death so much. Beyond that, it is a psychological fact that no two people will ever have the exact same hallucination, yet Jesus appeared to over 500 at one time and all of them corroborate this account.

Objection #5 – When they placed Jesus in the tomb He wasn't really dead and the coolness and dampness of the tomb revived Him.

Answer #5 – Roman soldiers were trained murderers, so they made sure Jesus was dead. When they pierced His side the water that flowed was the pericardial sac surrounding the heart, which fills up only when a person has died. To top this off, Jesus' tomb was sealed, covered with a 4,000 pound stone, and guarded by Roman soldiers. It's beyond farfetched to think that Jesus – who had been severely beaten and crucified – could wrangle free of His linen wrappings, move the 4,000 pound stone from the inside of the tomb, slip past well trained Roman guards, and then appear to the disciples looking as good as new.

Conclusion:

If He truly is God and the only source of truth, He demands some action on our part as human beings. The following are a few of the actions on our behalf He is worthy of:

What Jesus is worthy of:

(1) He is worthy of our _____.(John 14:15) – This includes praying to Him, being in church, studying the Bible which revolves around Him, etc.

(2) He is worthy or our _____.(John 14:12) – This includes serving Him by serving others, sharing the Good News of who He is with others, etc. True faith will always produce fruit!

(3) He is worthy of our _____ _____.(John 14:13-14) – This means I will place my family, my relationships, my money, my career, my stuff, etc., in the palms of His nailed scarred and glorified hands because He is worthy of being trusted.
