

NOT ALL ROADS LEAD *to* HEAVEN

THE INTOLERANT CHRIST

John 14:6

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INTRODUCTION: When it comes to the central issue of salvation, we must allow our beliefs to be shaped by what the founder of our faith, Jesus Christ, *actually* said, not by what we *wish* He had said. Today we are going to examine what Jesus taught about four topics that lead to the unmistakable conclusion that Jesus believed that only those who exercised faith in Him would be in heaven.

I. What Jesus Taught About His Uniqueness

A. Jesus Claimed to be **God**

1. Jesus' revelation to the Pharisees (John 8:52-59)

John 8:53 "Surely You are not greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died too; whom do You make Yourself out to be?"

John 8:56 "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."

John 8:58 "Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I Am.'"

Exodus 3:14 "And God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM'; and He said, 'Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, I AM has sent me to you.'"

2. Jesus' declaration to Caiaphas (Mark 14:60-65)

Mark 14:61b "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"

Mark 14:62 "And Jesus said, 'I am; and you shall see the SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF Power, and COMING WITH CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.'"

Mark 14:63-64 "⁶³ And tearing his clothes, the high priest said, 'What further need do we have of witnesses? ⁶⁴ You have heard the blasphemy; how does it seem to you?' And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death."

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- B. Jesus Claimed that Belief in Him Led to **Eternal Life** (John 6:40)

John 6:40 “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

John 8:24 “I said therefore to you, that you shall die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins.”

II. What Jesus Taught About His Death

- A. Jesus’ Death Was **Central** to His Mission (Matthew 16:21; John 12:32-33)

Matthew 16:21 “From that time Jesus Christ began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.”

John 12:32-33 “³² And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself. ³³ But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.”

- B. Jesus’ Death Was **Payment** for Our Sins (Matthew 20:28)

Matthew 20:28 “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

John 14:6 “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.’”

John 14:2-4 “² In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way where I am going.”

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III. What Jesus Taught About Eternity

A. Jesus Taught that Two Eternal **Destinations** Exist (Matthew 25:46)

Matthew 25:46 “And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

B. Jesus Taught that Hell Is a **Reality** (Matthew 25:46; Luke 16:26)

Luke 16:26 “And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, in order that those who wish to come over from here to you may not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.”

C. Jesus Taught that the **Majority** of Humanity Will Occupy Hell (Matthew 7:13-14)

Matthew 7:13-14 “¹³Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. ¹⁴For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.”

IV. What Jesus Taught About The Necessity Of **Personal Faith** (John 5:24)

John 5:24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”

John 6:40 “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son, and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

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John 11:25-26 “²⁵ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?’”

John 3:14-16 “¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; ¹⁵ that whoever believes may in Him have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.”

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