

Is Christianity Too Narrow?

Matthew 7:13-14

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Matthew 7:13, *“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.*

Why All The Religions?

Romans 1:21, *For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.*

What Makes Christianity Unique Among Other Religions?

- Every other religion encourages mankind to reach up to God for salvation through human effort. Christianity is the only religion that teaches that God reaches down to mankind. (Galatians 2:16: no one is justified by works; Galatians 3:23-26: law is a tutor; Matthew 5:48: be perfect; Philippians 2:5-11: God’s Son became a man)
- Every other religion is a system of do’s and don’ts to appease God, whereas Christianity is a relationship with God. (Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:1-2, 8, 10:9-13)
- Christianity looks to the Bible as the singular source of truth. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- Christianity is based upon the most amazing event in all of human history, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

What Makes Jesus Unique?

- Jesus was born of a virgin; Jesus repeatedly demonstrated His deity; Jesus made statements about His own deity; Jesus’ deity was supported by evidence; Jesus’ earliest followers declared He was God. (John 14:1-11)

Is Christianity Too Narrow? A Couple Of Thoughts:

1. **God Hasn’t Revealed EVERYTHING To Us!**
(Isaiah 55:7-9)

2. **God Has Revealed SOME Things To Us!**

- **God Desires To Bless ALL PEOPLE**
(Genesis 12:1-3; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Revelation 5:9)
- **God Is More Loving, Compassionate And Gracious Than We Can Ever IMAGINE**
(Psalm 103:8-12)
- **God Has Removed Every BARRIER To Salvation Except Our PRIDE**
(Matthew 21:28-32)

The Only Question That Really Matters?

What Will You Do With The Knowledge You Have Of God?
(John 11:25)