

Scripture References

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Matthew 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Mark 2:1-12 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, ¹¹ "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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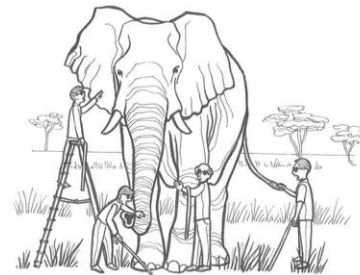
#660 "How Can You Claim There's Only One True Religion?" (Mk 2:1-12)

Religion is a set of beliefs that _____ what life is about, who we are, and the most important things that human beings should spend their time doing.

All religions do not proclaim the same _____; therefore they can't be _____ true.

It is no more _____ to claim that one religion is right than to claim that one way to think about all religions is right. We are all exclusive in our beliefs about religion, but in different ways.

The "elephant paradigm" creates more _____ than it solves.



1. The problem of _____
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For many the biggest problem with Christianity is _____.

Life Group Ice Breaker

1. Come prepared to share a funny but clean joke. Vote who had the best joke.

Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
3. How do you explain the cultural reality that truth is not absolute but rather defined by personal preference?
4. Study Matthew 7:12-13. In your mind what qualifies as small and narrow, and what qualifies as wide and broad? What warning did Jesus give us in these verses and how can we make sure that we are on the right path?
5. Name some of the miracles or actions that Jesus performed which supported His claim to be God. (Extra credit if you supply the book, chapter & verse!)

Application Questions & Prayer

6. How confident is your faith? On what basis do you place your faith, or another way to ask this is what is the basis of your confidence?
7. Many would say that Christianity breeds a form of religion that is “more righteous than thou.” Do you agree or disagree? What is the secular standard of righteousness?
8. Pray for opportunities to engage with someone who is asking the same questions we are answering.