

# SERMON NOTES

## REASON FOR GOD

### “Who Says There’s Only One Way to God?”

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John 14:6 “Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.” [Acts 4:12]

“Jesus is the only way to heaven.”

#### 1. Heaven

Heaven is life with God.

“Now the dwelling of God is with people, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.” [Revelation 21:3]

“Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.” [John 17:3]

“I did not see a temple because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb [Jesus] are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.” [Revelation 21:22-23]

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## 2. We need a way.

“For all have sinned; all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet now God in his gracious kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins. For God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to satisfy God’s anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed his blood sacrificing his life for us.” [Romans 3:23-25]

Question: “Do you mean to tell me I will go to hell because I’m not a Christian?”

Question: What about those who have never heard about Jesus?

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### 3. Jesus is the only way.

C. S. Lewis "*Mere Christianity*" quote:

I have been asked to tell you what Christians believe, and I am going to begin by telling you one thing that Christians do not need to believe. If you are a Christian, you are free to think that all the other religions are simply wrong all through. If you are an atheist you have to believe that the main point in all the religions of the whole world is simply one huge mistake. If you are a Christian, you are free to think that all those religions, even the strange ones, contain at least some hint of the truth. When I was an atheist I had to try to persuade myself that most of the human race have always been wrong about the question that mattered to them most; when I became a Christian I was able to take a more liberal view."

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### 4. Jesus

"I will be open."

For Further Reading:

Tim Keller, *The Reason for God*, Ch. 1 "There Can't Be Just One True Religion"

James Edwards, *Is Jesus The Only Savior?*