

To Whom Shall We Go?

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John six records one of the sad scenes in the earth-life of Christ: “From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him” (v. 66). When Jesus asked the twelve, “Will ye also go away?” (v. 67), Peter answered, “Lord, to whom shall we go?...” (v. 68). We are making spiritual application of this question in our study today.

1) To Whom Some Go.

Has it occurred to you that folks today go to a lot of different people and places in search for answers to religious questions, spiritual information and enlightenment? Some look to:

An angel. Yet Paul said, “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed” (Gal. 1:8).

Buddha, on whose teachings Buddhism was founded.

Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of the Tibetan people.

Muhammad, the central figure of Islam.

Pope, the bishop of Rome and leader of the worldwide Catholic Church.

Protestant religious leaders: John Calvin, father of the religious system known as Calvinism; Mary Baker Eddy,

founder of the Christian Science Movement; Martin Luther, with whose teachings Lutherans are identified; Charles Taze Russell, who paved the way for the Jehovah’s Witnesses; Joseph Smith, founder of Mormonism and the Latter Day Saint movement; John Smyth, founder of Baptist Churches; The Wesley’s, John with his brother Charles who founded Methodism; Ellen G. White, leader of the Seventh-Day Adventists; and others.

Preacher or pastor. 1 Corinthians 2:5 says, “That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.”

Family member. Jesus taught, “He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me” (Mt. 10:37).

Majority. Matthew seven teaches the way unto life is the way of the few (vv. 13-14), and many will hear the Lord say, “I never knew you: depart from me...” (vv. 21-23).

Self. The way of man is not in himself (Jer. 10:23). “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding” (Prov. 3:5).

Moses. Jesus is the Prophet raised up like unto Moses

whom we are to hear in all things (Dt. 18:15,18; Mt. 17:1-5; Acts 3:22; 7:37).

2) Why We Go To Jesus And No One Else. Why not go to any of these, anyone or anywhere, but Jesus?

They Don’t Have The Words Of Eternal Life. Peter answered the Lord’s question with this statement: “...thou hast the words of eternal life” (v. 68). Jesus said, in verse 63, “...the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” Only Jesus has the words of eternal life!

They Aren’t The Christ. In verse 69 Peter declared, “And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ...” When Andrew found the Christ, John 1:40-42 reports, “...he brought him to _____...” Do you know who goes in the blank? It’s not an angel, Buddha, or the Dalai Lama! “...he brought him to Jesus...” (v. 42)!

They Aren’t The Son Of God. Again Peter answered, “And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God” (v. 69). Twice the Father affirmed Jesus as His Son: at His baptism (Mt. 3:17) and transfiguration (Mt. 17:5). If Jesus is His only begotten Son, then Muhammad and the Pope aren’t!

They Didn't Create All Things. John 1:1-3 informs us of the Word, "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." The word is identified, in verse fourteen, as "...the only begotten of the Father..."; that's Jesus! If all things were made by Him, then they weren't made by Buddha or Muhammad were they?

They Don't Have All Power. Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Mt. 28:18). If Jesus has all power, then the Pope doesn't have it; your preacher or pastor doesn't have it; your parents don't have it; and neither you or I have it!

They Weren't Crucified For You. Paul asked the Corinthians who were wearing the names of men, "Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" (1 Cor. 1:13). The fact that Paul wasn't crucified for them showed they didn't have any business wearing his name! Was Martin Luther crucified for you? Why then are you a Lutheran? Paul penned, "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him

crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2).

Their Bodies Are In The Grave. Jesus' tomb was found empty (Mt. 28:6)! Jesus' voice will raise their dead bodies (Jn. 5:28-29). Why go to one who is dead or will die (unless Jesus comes first), when you can go to One who "...ever liveth..." (Heb. 7:25)?

They Aren't Seated On God's Right Hand. I only remember reading of one seat on God's right hand, and do you know who is occupying it? "This Jesus hath God raised up...being by the right hand of God..." (Acts 2:25-36)! Colossians 3:1 reads, "...where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."

They Aren't The Way To The Father. Jesus affirmed, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (Jn. 14:6). If Jesus is *the* way, then He is not a way among many different ways. If Jesus is *the* truth, then truth is found in none other. If Jesus is *the* life, then Jesus is the only source of life. 1 Timothy 2:5 records, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men..." Who is this "one mediator" or go-between? "...the man Christ Jesus." We

can't get to the Father any other way!

They Can't Save You. Jesus is the Savior! It was said of the virgin Mary, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Mt. 1:21). Peter declared of Jesus, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

They Can't Provide True Peace. Peace is "...in me...", Jesus said (Jn. 16:33). Paul taught, "...we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1). We can't have "...the peace of God, which passeth all understanding..." (Phil. 4:7) anywhere else!

They Will Not Judge Us. Jesus announced, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (Jn. 12:48). 2 Corinthians 5:10 speaks of "the judgement seat of Christ."

Here are a dozen reasons to go to Jesus and no one else!

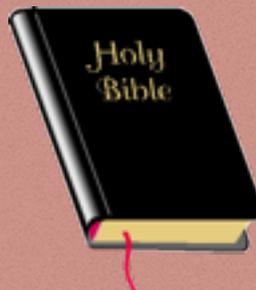
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