



**“Do All Paths Lead To God?”**  
**October 18, 2009 \* Hebrews 3:1-14**

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*II. Today we live in the fog of “post-modernism” – where you can’t know for certain what \_\_\_\_\_ is.*

*What was Jesus’ take on the idea that all paths lead to God?*

“For \_\_\_\_\_ is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and \_\_\_\_\_ enter through it. But \_\_\_\_\_ is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a \_\_\_\_\_ find it.” ~ Matthew 7:13-14

*And what – or who – is the gate? (John 10:1,9-10)*

*Why is it this important to have figured out?*

*1. If we just go along with the idea that all roads lead to God, then we \_\_\_\_\_ the importance of our faith.*

*2. To say that all roads lead to God flies in the face of \_\_\_\_\_.*

*3. Believe the world’s way and you \_\_\_\_\_ all the good things which Jesus promised to those who followed him.*

*III. What’s so special about Jesus Christ?*

**1. Because he’s the only human who has ever lived who can rightfully \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_.** (Hebrews 1)

*A. When the Bible calls Jesus the “Son of God”, what’s it mean?*

*B. What other arguments does chapter 1 give for Jesus’ deity?*

- 1. The angels are commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ him.*
- 2. God the Father calls him \_\_\_\_\_.*
- 3. He was there in the beginning, \_\_\_\_\_ the world.*

**2. Jesus is the only human who has personally \_\_\_\_\_ for you.** (Hebrews 2)

*A. Why did Jesus become human?*

*B. Heb.12:2 – What possible joy could Jesus get out of dying on the cross?*

**3. Simply put, Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ who has ever lived.** (Hebrews 3)

*A. Who was the greatest man of all time, according to Jews?*

*B. How is Jesus greater than he?*

**4. Jesus is the only \_\_\_\_\_ human who has ever lived.** (Hebrews 4)

*A. Why was Bertrand Russell ‘Not A Christian’?*

*B. What was the story really about?*

**5. Jesus is the only one who can \_\_\_\_\_ you for \_\_\_\_\_.** (Hebrews 5)

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*What was Jesus’ take on the idea that all paths lead to God?*

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

*And what – or who – is the gate? (John 10:1,9-10)*  
**Jesus.**

*Why is it this important to have figured out?*

1. *If we just go along with the idea that all roads lead to God, then we **diminish** the importance of our faith.*

A person who says, “It doesn’t matter what recipes you follow; cook however you want,” well that person has diminished cooking. A true chef would be offended at the thought. A person who says, “It doesn’t matter how you raise your children; they’ll turn out how they’re going to turn out,” has just diminished parenting. A person who says, “Beauty is only in the art of the beholder,” diminishes beauty, spits on art, laughs at the idea of a masterpiece.

2. *To say that all roads lead to God flies in the face of **reason**.*

That means Philip Garrido was hearing God when he kidnapped Jaycee Lee Duggard 18 years ago and made her his sex slave. That means the Hindu caste system which systematically represses millions of people in India is from God. It means the suicide bomber is in God’s will when he blows himself up inside the packed bus. And when the founder of Mormonism Joseph Smith told his first wife that God had given him the command to take other wives – eventually he would take more than 30 – he was in the will of God. It simply ridiculous to say all religious paths lead

to God, because all religions say different things about God, and what he is like, and what he expects, and how you can know him or please him.

3. *Believe the world’s way and you **forfeit** all the good things which Jesus promised to those who followed him.*

III. *What’s so special about Jesus Christ?*

**1. Because he’s the only human who has ever lived who can rightfully claim to be God. (Hebrews 1)**

A. *When the Bible calls Jesus the “Son of God”, what’s it mean?*

**When the Bible calls Jesus the “Son of God”, what it’s saying is that Jesus and God are made of the same stuff. The same DNA, so to speak. Sometimes the Bible speaks of us humans as being God’s children, but we become sons and daughters of God only through adoption. Jesus’ sonship is natural.**

B. *What other arguments does chapter 1 give for Jesus’ deity?*

1. *The angels are commanded to **worship** him.*
2. *God the Father calls him **God**.*
3. *He was there in the beginning, **created** the world.*

**2. Jesus is the only human who has personally died for you. (Hebrews 2)**

A. *Why did Jesus become human?*

**Because he had to stand in our place at the judgment seat of heaven and take the punishment we deserved upon himself. He became human so that he could die for humans.**

B. *Heb.12:2 – What possible joy could Jesus get out of dying on the cross?*

**The joy of seeing you, personally forgiven of your sins, and brought into a real, living relationship with your Maker.**

**3. Simply put, Jesus is the greatest human who has ever lived. (Hebrews 3)**

*A. Who was the greatest man of all time, according to Jews?*

**Moses. God did his greatest miracles through him. Prying the Hebrew slaves out of Egypt was no small feat, and parting the Red Sea – wow, it doesn't get much bigger than that. Through Moses, God gave the people his Law. Through Moses, God gave the people his Word. And through Moses, God brought his chosen people right up to the threshold of the promised land, though not without incredible obstacles and opposition.**

*B. How is Jesus greater than he?*

**Hebrews 3:3 – “Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of the house has greater honor than the house itself.” Verse 5 – “Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.”**

**4. Jesus is the only perfect human who has ever lived. (Hebrews 4)**

*A. Why was Bertrand Russell ‘Not A Christian’?*

**Bertrand Russell, the famous atheist, wrote a book once called, “Why I Am Not A Christian.” And in the book he points out a story in Matthew 21 where Jesus curses a fig tree that does not have any figs on it. Jesus is hungry, and finding the tree sterile he curses it, and immediately the tree withered. And Bertrand Russell says, “See! See! Look at how cranky Jesus is. See Jesus fly off the handle. Looks like a clear case of sinning to me. I'm not going to follow someone who acts like this!”**

*B. What was the story really about?*

**But Bertrand Russell missed the point of the whole story. Jesus didn't lose his temper. Nearly everything Jesus did had a point to it. Had a lesson behind it. And so it was here. This wasn't about figs and Jesus' hunger pains. The story is about the pain Jesus felt at the fruitlessness of Israel. The Jews of his day missed the moment when God visited them. They rejected his Messiah. Consequently, the nation was about to be cursed for her hard-**

**heartedness. God was going to turn from them. And judgment would come at the hands of the Roman armies.**

**5. Jesus is the only one who can save you for eternity. (Hebrews 5)**

**You were created to live forever, dear friend. Your time here on earth is just a test-run, a dress rehearsal, for the real adventure that awaits you. But as things stand right now, if you are standing outside of Jesus Christ, you haven't accepted his free gift of forgiveness, and you're not following him each and every day, you haven't made him your true Savior and your true Leader, then you are – as things stand today – forfeiting your eternal destiny. You are throwing away the true purpose of your existence. You were made for God. In him, you live and move and have your being. But Jesus Christ is the only path that brings you to God. There's no one else. Not Mohammed, not Buddah, not Vishnu, not Joseph Smith – there's no other Savior. And you need saving. Will you fall at his feet, repent of your sins, and follow him?**

**What about me? What should I conclude from all of this?**