

**Was Jesus Arrogant for Saying
He's the Only Way to Heaven?**

John 14:6

1. Jesus wanted _____ to be Saved

- o Jesus' goal was not to _____ anybody, but to include everybody in Heaven! (John 4:9-10)
- o Matthew 9:10-13 - The religious leaders were arrogantly looking down their noses, happily excluding people.
- o Jesus was more _____ than ANY other person in history because He wanted literally every person to go to Heaven, no matter their status in society! His inclusivity even made a lot of people mad!
- o Mathew 8:11 - Jesus envisioned Heaven filled with people from all over the world -- and He wanted that so much He died on a cross to make it possible! (John 12:32-33)
 - o How could someone who gave up His life to bring us to Heaven be charged with arrogance or unfairness?
 - o John 14:6 wasn't an arrogant statement meant to keep people out of Heaven, but a kind, gracious statement telling us how to get there.

2. Opposing Truth Claims are Always Exclusive

- o **Overlapping truths:** Multiple truth claims can be valid. ("elephant," "world's largest land animal," "grayish brown")
- o **Opposing truths:** Multiple truth claims cannot be valid. ("elephant," "world's smallest land animal," "chicken")
- o Only two options with opposing truth claims: 1) ALL of them are _____ 2) Only ONE of them is right
 - o There are some truths in Christianity that overlap with other religions that can be valid for all those religions. But it's impossible for all religions, as a whole, to be valid because they also make opposing truth claims. (Mark 10:33-34)
 - o **Christianity:** "Jesus died and rose again!" **Judaism:** Jesus died, but never _____.
 - o **Islam:** "Jesus neither died nor rose."
 - o Christianity isn't the only religion claiming exclusivity! Even those who claim to be inclusive of all religions have to _____ Christianity because it's too exclusive.
 - o If Jesus was arrogant and unfair for being exclusive, we have to charge everyone else, including those who claim to be inclusive, with arrogance and unfairness too!
 - o The question is not, "Is John 14:6 arrogant or unfair?" but "Is John 14:6 true?"

3. Jesus' Claims were Uniquely Opposed to Every Other Religion

- o **A) He claimed to be _____ in the flesh sent from Heaven**
 - o John 8:56-59 - All other religions are about man coming to God, but Christianity is about God coming to man!
- o **B) He claimed salvation can only be given as a _____ from God**
 - o Every other religion says you need to do, think, or feel enough earn salvation. Jesus says that's impossible. (1 Peter 2:24)
 - o Every other religion says you can _____ and climb up to God by your own strength. Christianity says you need to be _____ and lifted up to God by HIS strength! (Ephesians 2:8-9)
 - o John 14:6 isn't unfair or arrogant because Christianity is the only religion where God offers a payment for our sins. It's the only path presented as God's way to man, not man's way to God. (Bertha Broadmind)
- o **C) Jesus gave us more evidence to support His claims than any other religious leader (John 20:25, 27)**
 - o Compared to the mountain of evidence for Christianity, all other religions are like _____.

4. Jesus Didn't _____ to be the Only Way

- o Matthew 26:38-39 - Oprah Winfrey: "One of the biggest mistakes humans make is to believe there's only one way. Actually, there are many diverse paths to God."
- o That would have been _____ news to Jesus! But He was crucified because He knew it wasn't true.
- o How could Jesus be arrogant if He didn't want to be the only way? The only one John 14:6 was unfair to was Jesus Himself, because He had to die a criminal's death to make it possible. (2 Corinthians 5:21)
 - o We're the ones who need to repent of our arrogance against and unfairness toward God.