
Why Choose Jesus Christ?

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Introduction

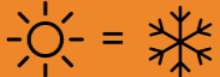
- ❖ There are hundreds of religions in the world.
- ❖ Why can't all be true?
- ❖ All religions are fundamentally similar, but we just worship with different ctions.

Why must there be ONE True Religion?

- ❖ Religion doesn't contradict logic. Religion follows The Law of non-contradiction:
- ❖ If I decide to believe that Jesus Christ is the Begotten Son of God. Therefore, believe that He is the True God.
- ❖ It voids any claim of other gods or religions

Law of Non-Contradiction

This law means that two opposite statements can't both be true at the same time or in the same way.



This statement abuses the Law of Non-Contradiction.

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The sun was so hot that I was freezing.

So What? all religions can claim that...

- ❖ If all religions claim to be Truth, then how can Christianity make that claim and think that it is correct?
- ❖ Well.. let's look at all the claims and decide

What's common amongst them all?

- ❖ The belief in the idea of a higher being(s)
- ❖ The belief in trying to attain an “after-life.”

What's different?

Not all religions point to the same God

- ❖ How come? Because not all have the same salvation concept, meaning not all point to the same God.
- ❖ To some, Salvation is through eliminating all desires. To Others, your good deeds must outweigh your bad ones. To Others you need to have lots of knowledge and be an expert on your religion.

Not all religions point to the same God

- ❖ Christianity: Salvation is a gift from God to all humanity that is only attained by the working faith in His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ and by being faithful until the last breath.
- ❖ Therefore each religion is VERY different and...
- ❖ it is more reasonable to say that all religions are false than to say that more than one religion can be true.

So again, Why Christianity ?

- ❖ So just because the story of Salvation in Christianity is so unique than every other religion... Still...
- ❖ What makes it true?
- ❖ Answer: It is the connection that creator has established with His creation to SAVE His creation. (← Ultimate goal of any “God”)

Why Christianity?

- ❖ Again, let's use logic
- ❖ Christianity brings a relationship with the Creator and the Author- Jesus Christ and His creation.
- ❖ The God which Christians believe in is a living God who has a constant relation with His creation since the beginning of time and until the end of time

Why Christianity?

- ❖ Jesus Christ is the Creator who came down to earth to bring His people back to Him to live Eternally.
- ❖ All other “creators” await their creatures to do the right thing to qualify for eternity and be lifted up.

Ok so far.. Christianity makes sense

but.. this requires the presumption of..

❖ The existence of Jesus Christ

- AND

❖ That Jesus Christ is Divine.

- AND

❖ That Jesus Christ Died and Resurrected.

The Reality of the Existence of Jesus Christ

- ❖ The Bible is the only Holy book which was written
 - ❖ Over a 1,600 year span written over 40 generations
 - ❖ By over 40 authors from every walk of life (kings, peasants, philosophers, fishermen, poets, statesmen, physicians...etc)
 - ❖ In different places, on three different continents in three different languages.
- ❖ Yet the message is flawless and in perfect harmony:
“God’s redemption of the human race”

The Reality of the Existence of Jesus Christ

- ❖ Christianity does not depend on a a single individual's revelation of the truth.
- ❖ In fact, all other religious historical books confirm the existence of Jesus Christ.

Okay, Jesus Christ exists. But...

- ❖ we've proven that
 - ✓ The Bible is True and it proves that...
 - ✓ Jesus Christ exists.

- ❖ But that doesn't prove His Divinity...

The Divinity of Jesus Christ

- ❖ The fulfillment of **ALL** prophecies (over 300 of them.. written 500+ of years ago)
 - ❖ The prophecies included the city of birth, His method of dying, His betrayal, His resurrection, etc
- ❖ The Miracles made:
 - ❖ Miracles were made through Him and Him alone (meaning He did not ask like saints would, He commanded and it was fulfilled)
- ❖ Authority over every aspect in life
 - ❖ Over the laws of nature, creation, forgiving sins, & death.

Jesus Christ Resurrection

- ✓ Jesus Christ existed.
- ✓ Jesus Christ is Divine.
- ✓ Jesus Christ died.
- ❖ If He never resurrected, then still our faith is fraud.

Jesus Christ Resurrection

- ❖ Jesus could have said- “I will *spiritually* rise again” and no one would be able to falsify it or assert it.
- ❖ But Jesus rose in the flesh!
- ❖ He was seen by multiple individuals **and** by groups of people at once.

Jesus Christ Resurrection

- ❖ Logical questions:
 - ❖ For the apostles, what was there to gain from preaching that Christ was risen from the dead if He really had not risen ?
 - ❖ If they did not wholeheartedly believe in the resurrection, would they die for a potential lie? Which sane person would do that? let alone hundreds of people
 - ❖ No financial gain, no social prestige, no political power.. nothing but imprisonment and shame.

Jesus Christ Resurrection

- ❖ Atheist lawyer and journalist Lee Strobel did a two year investigation on the resurrection interviewing some of the great scholars on both sides. He finally concluded in his book *The Case for Christ*,
- ❖ “In light of the convincing facts I had learned during my investigation, in the face of this overwhelming avalanche of evidence in the case for Christ, the great irony was this it would require much more faith for me to maintain my atheism than to trust in Jesus of Nazareth.”

Okay Christianity is the Only True Religion

- ❖ But in my life, why choose to follow Jesus Christ?

Why Choose Jesus Christ

- ❖ Now... this is when faith comes in.
 - ❖ His Love
 - ❖ To go through life with the creator of life itself
 - ❖ Only means to salvation and eternal life
 - ❖ History shows

Questions?