

The Exclusiveness of Jesus Christ

On January 25, 2002 the Pope asked world religious leaders to gather together to pray for peace. Many came. Orthodox Patriarchs, Muslim Imams, Jewish rabbis, Catholic priests and Protestant clerics. The religions of Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism, Zoroastrianism, Tenrikyo and African tribal religions all prayed to their respective gods for world peace.

On the surface this ecumenical effort looked like a gracious gesture by the Catholic leader who proclaims their Church is the one and only true church. However, **if there is only one Living God** can people pray to many different gods and expect answers? Which one of the three million Hindu gods answers prayer? Islam believes that all non-Muslims are infidels and the Quran is the absolute truth

Jesus said: “**No man** comes to the Father except through **Me**” (Jn. 14:6). If Jesus did **not** mean what He said He either lied or He was a lunatic. If He told the truth then no one can come to **Yahweh** God except through Him.

Jesus said: “I am **the** way, **the** truth and **the** life.” If Jesus was not the **only** way, He lied and He was not the truth or the life. Who pays any attention to liars and cheats?

Jesus said: “No man has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared (*revealed, manifested*) Him” (Jn: 1:18). Without the Lord Jesus revealing God man can’t know Him. Why? God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself” (2 Cor. 5:19).

Jesus said: “He who has seen **me** has seen the Father” (Jn. 14:9). From my childhood I had a strong desire to know God. Not just to know facts about Him, but to really know Him. I couldn’t understand how God could be everywhere, but nowhere.

One day Philip asked Jesus to show him the Father and He replied: “**Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me? He who has seen Me has seen the Father, so how can you say, ‘show us the Father?’ The words that I speak to you, I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works**”(Jn, 14:9). Every word and action Christ performed was a manifestation of God in a time space world. Like a television screen reproducing the unseen signals in the atmosphere.

Jesus said: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in **Me**, though he may die, he shall live. He who lives and believes in **Me** shall never die. Do you believe this?” (Jn.11:25) What an outlandish claim for any mortal to make. Thank God He didn’t leave us pondering what He meant. He proved He was resurrection life by raising Lazarus from the dead and who can argue with evidence?

John the Apostle said: “**With our hands we have handled, concerning the Word of Life - the life was manifested, and we have seen, and we bear witness and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us...**”(1 Jn. 1:3).

He also said: “**God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.**” (1 Jn. 5:11-12). Eternal life is not a Islamic paradise with 72 virgins for companions; **He is life (Jn. 7:3)**.

IF Jesus told the truth, and He did, no one can come to God, in prayer or any other way, except through Him. He said: “And whatsoever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son” (Jn. 14:13). Answered prayer only comes through Jesus

Christ the Lord. That is why He plainly told the religious leaders: “**You neither know Me or My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also**” (Jn. 8:19). “**Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me?**”

If Jesus said “No man can come to the Father except by Me,” but He didn’t mean what He said, why didn’t He say what He meant? If He said it, but didn’t mean it, who can say what He did mean? The conclusion is obvious: He was either a lunatic or a liar: therefore, not a good man. On the other hand, if He said it and meant what He said HE IS ABSOLUTE LORD.

Now hear this! Satan’s end-time scheme will unite all religions under one banner--**Jesus. Not the real Jesus, but another Jesus.** This instead-of-antichrist will work signs and wonders; he’ll be a gifted problem solver, a charming charismatic personality and he’ll be everything the world wants in a messiah, but he won’t be the incarnate Son of God who rose from the dead.

For example: To the **Muslim** Jesus is only an apostle of Allah, the sixth in a line of seven prophets; to the **Unitarians** he will be a morally upright human; to **rational religionists** he will be the example of a man who chose God. To the **Buddhists** he’ll be the spirit of goodness in all men; to the **Hindus** another addition to their three million gods. To the **Jehovah’s Witnesses** he’ll be Michael the archangel; to **Christian Scientists**, he will be perfect thought and to the **New Agers** he will be whatever anyone wants to make him since all men are New Age gods.

Secularists, liberals, cultists and unbelievers agree: Jesus was a compassionate, gracious and truly good man. His morals and teachings were unexcelled, but...**He was not God’s eternal Son. Why not?**

How will the Deceiver deceive? By using misinformation, religious error, hypocrisy and lying signs and wonders. Satan knows he can't succeed by totally rejecting the historical Jesus so he'll question His redemptive work especially His Virgin Birth and His bodily Resurrection. Several liberal denominations have already rejected His Virgin Birth, miracles and His bodily resurrection as unreasonable and irrational.

Since September 11, 2001 the enemy has subtly said: "We all worship the same God, Jews, Muslims and Christians." But Yahweh Elohim is not their god. Yahweh is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Jesus said: "He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him" (Jn. 5:23).** By rejecting God's Son they automatically reject Yahweh God Who said: "This is my only begotten Son, hear Him!" To them Jesus is NOT the exclusive way to God; He is just one of many ways to God.

We were warned in Rev. 12:12. "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth. The devil comes down to you knowing he has but a short time." He is persuading the nations they can have a **prosperous economic system, a unified kingdom and political system without wars or national borders, and satisfy man's spiritual longings with a religious system where all man will worship under one banner, the antichrist.**

God is still speaking: "This is my beloved Son, hear Him!" The Son is saying, "My sheep My voice and another they will not follow." As His footstep followers we confess: "Another voice we will not follow. We are in the world, but not of the world. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus!"