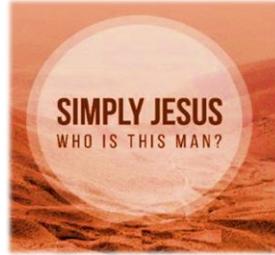


Simply Jesus: Who is this Man? He is the Gate

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Scripture Passage: John 10:1-10

“I tell you the truth, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ **Therefore Jesus said again, “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep.** ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ **I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.** They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ **The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full (or abundantly)**

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

1. Jesus is the only way of ___salvation___. (v.9)

How can Christianity be the only way to God?

Myth #1: All religions are basically the same

Myth #2: Christianity is simply one philosophy among many

Myth #3: Christians are narrow minded and intolerant to believe Jesus is the only way to heaven

*Are there many paths to God? By Lee Strobel; <https://www.christianity-today.com/biblestudies/articles/theology/071205.html>

1) Jesus can make this claim because He is the “I AM”

2) Jesus can make this claim because He is the only one who . . .

- Came down from heaven and returned there
- Lived a perfect life
- Is the substitutionary sacrifice for our sin
- Conquered death forever

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

¹⁹ So, brothers and sisters, we are completely free to enter the Most Holy Place without fear because of the blood of Jesus’ death. ²⁰ We can enter through a new and living way that Jesus opened for us. It leads through the curtain—Christ’s body. Hebrews 10:19-20

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. The only way to the Father is through me. John 14:6 (NCV)

Salvation is by GRACE alone, through FAITH alone, in Jesus Christ ALONE. We cannot SAVE ourselves. (Eph. 2:5-9)

2. Jesus offers _____ abundant life_____. (v.10)

How do we attain this abundant life?

1) LISTEN to His voice (v.3)

2) His people FOLLOW Him (v.4)

The sheep who follow the Good Shepherd will not lack for anything.

What do you need to do to find Jesus’ abundant life?