

Why are there so many religions and can they all be right?

Catch the Wave

- Welcome
- Prayer
- **ASK**
 - Q1 – **Why do you think there are so many religions?**
 - Q2 – **Can they all be right or all be wrong? Why or why not?**
 - Q3 – **Is there a difference between religions made up by man and religions revealed by God? Why or why not?**
- Segue: Stats and studies show the majority of people have some type of 'God belief.' But the nature of God, how to serve him/her, what happens at death vary greatly. It's important to explore how we can make sense of where the truth lies.
- Watch Video – Episode 4
- **ASK**
 - Q1 – **Do you agree with any of the answers that were given when Greg asked why there are so many religions? Why or why not?**
 - Q2 – **What is your response to Priscilla's idea that religions are like personalities?**

Additional Questions



Dive Deep

- Unique characteristics of Christianity.
 - Greg pointed out one unique characteristic of Christianity is that Jesus not only claimed He was the only way to God, but also that He is God.
 - Another way Christianity is different from other religions: the Bible says there is one God who has made Himself known to everyone on earth.
- Read Romans 1:18-22 in the New Living Translation.
- **ASK**
 - Q1 – **How can we see the existence of God by looking around at nature?**
 - Q2 – **Why would people refuse to believe in and worship God?**
 - Q3 – **Is it possible that the God of the Bible is the same as the gods of other religions? Why or why not?**
- How can we know the God of the Bible is the one true God?
- Proofs of the Bible's authenticity:
 - Bible was put together over a period of 1500 years by 40 different authors on 3 continents.
 - It addresses hundreds of subjects with no contradictions.
 - Read the Bible's internal claims: 2 Tim. 3:16 and 2 Pet. 1:20-21.
 - 300 fulfilled Old Testament prophecies about Jesus show the inspiration of God.
 - The place where Jesus would be born (Mic. 5:2)
 - That He would be born of a virgin (Is. 7:14)
 - How Jesus would die (Ps. 22)
 - That Jesus would rise again (Ps. 16:8-11)
 - His body was pierced (Zech. 12:10; Ps. 22:16)
 - Not a bone of Him broken (Num. 9:12)
 - He would be buried with the rich (Is. 53:9)
 - Prophecies were made hundreds and even thousands of years before Jesus.



- **ASK**
 - Q1 – **How does fulfilled prophecy show that the Bible is inspired by God?**
 - Q2 – **How does a total absence of contradiction make a case for Christianity being the only true way to the only true God?**

Sail Home

Pass out Pascal's Wager handout and discuss.

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- Highlight main concepts from session.
 - Jesus claimed to be God.
 - The Bible has unique and supernatural features in terms of its development and fulfilled prophecies.
 - These make Christianity unique among all religions and make a convincing argument for it being the only true way to the true God.
- Present the gospel. Close in prayer, providing an opportunity to commit or recommit to a personal relationship with Jesus.

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- Encourage students to invite friends to next week's episode.
- *Shreddin the Gnar*: The cast reached their own conclusions about whether all the different religions can all be right. Read chapter 7 of *Shreddin* for insights on how to "Speak the Truth in Love" when engaging friends in spiritual conversation.