IS JESUS THE ONLY WAY
JOHN 14:6 / 2-16-20 / A.M.

I. FACTORS INVOLVED IN CALLING US ARROGANT AND INTOLERANT.

A. One factor is motive.
   1. This may be a legitimate question.
   2. However, it may also be an attempt to turn the attention away from what they think about Jesus.

B. Another factor is intolerance.
   1. Critics say there is more than one way to heaven.
   2. Isn’t this being intolerant to those who say there is only one way to God.
   3. Tolerance doesn’t mean everyone is right. Neither does it mean we agree with everyone. It means we show respect to everyone whether we agree with them or not.

C. Another factor is absolute truth.
   1. Is there such a thing as absolute truth or is truth relative?
   2. If all truth is relative then it boils down to opinion not truth or fact.

II. WHAT ABOUT PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD ABOUT JESUS?

A. The Bible doesn’t specifically address this question, so we don’t know for sure.
   1. There are those who say without knowing Jesus everyone goes to hell.
   2. There are others who say God judges people based on the light they have, like the O.T. saints—John 8:56.
   3. Some things we must leave up to God—Deut. 29:29 & Gen. 18:25.

B. However, to imply that people in remote parts of the world who have never heard of Jesus are innocent and, therefore, should not be judged is incorrect. The truth is there are no innocent people anywhere on the planet. Why?
   1. No one is totally ignorant about God?
a. One way is through nature—Romans 1:20.

b. Another is through our conscience—Romans 2:14-15.

2. Not only is no one totally ignorant about God, no one is totally innocent or without sin—Romans 3:23.

3. Jesus also promised that if someone sought God they would find Him—Matt. 7:7.

4. Some questions we must leave up to God—Romans 12:19.

III. HOW DO WE KNOW THAT JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN?

A. One reason is because only Jesus...

   1. Was chosen by God—1 Peter 2:4.


   3. Lived a perfect life—Heb. 4:15.


   5. Died for our sins—1 John 2:2.


   7. Only way to eternal life—John 17:3.

B. Jesus claimed he was the only way to heaven—John 14:6, John 3:14-15, John 11:25.

C. Jesus’ disciples claimed he was the only way to heaven.


   2. John—1 John 2:12.
