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tough QUESTIONS



christianity:
the only way?

*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.*
John 14:6

Introduction:

- We have tackled a couple of Tough Questions over the last two weeks. We have looked at the issue of healing, and if God can forgive someone who has had an abortion.
- Today, we will ask if we can really trust the Bible to be the ultimate source for spiritual truth. In a culture that offers a variety of beliefs, what makes our Bible superior to other religious writings? How can we be certain what we have in the Bible is correct, and that we have all the truth necessary for life?
- We are going to handle all these questions this morning as we open up the Scriptures.

I. You Can Trust the Bible's:

(How do we know that the Bible is God's Word?)

Deuteronomy 4:2

II Peter 3:15b-16

(Can only Bible scholars truly understand the Scriptures?)

Deuteronomy 5:6-7

(Can we really know God without the Scriptures?)

Romans 1:18-20

Romans 10:14-17

(Does the Bible contain all the spiritual guidance we need for life?)

II Timothy 3:14-17

John 20:30-31

II. Christianity is Distinct From Other Religions Because:

A. It deals with the problem of _____

B. Salvation comes by _____

C. Lives are _____

Some Helpful Resources To Go Deeper:

- **Systematic Theology**, Wayne Grudem
- **More Than a Carpenter**, Josh McDowell
- **Evidence that Demands a Verdict**, Josh McDowell
- **The Case for Christ**, Lee Strobel

Prophecy	Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament Fulfillment
Born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18, 25
Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1
Would be preceded by a messenger	Isaiah 40:3	Matthew 3:1-2
Rejected by His own people	Isaiah 53:3	John 7:5; 7:48
Betrayed by a close friend	Isaiah 41:9	John 13:26-30
His side pierced	Zechariah 12:10	John 19:34
Crucifixion	Psalms 22:1; 11-18	Luke 23:33; John 19:23-24
Resurrection of Christ	Psalms 16:10	Acts 13:34-37

Claims of Christ	Scripture
Used divine names for Himself	John 8:58 cf. Exodus 3:14
Did what He saw the Father doing	John 5:19
One with the Father	John 10:30, 38
Disciples called Him God	John 1:1, 14; 10:27; Colossians 2:9

Deeds of Christ	Scripture
Turned water into wine	John 2:6-10
Cast out demons	Matthew 8:28-32
Healed diseases	Matthew 4:23, 24; Luke 6:17-19
Raised the dead	Matthew 9:25; John 11:43-44
Walked on water	Matthew 8:26-27
Calmed the storm	Mark 4:36
Fed the multitude	Matthew 14:5-21
Rose from the dead	John 20:19