

Questions for Lesson 18: Which God? (Part 2)

1. What is the claim made in John 14:6?

Answer: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father except through me." Jesus says Christianity is the only way to come to God. In our day of religious pluralism that is not socially acceptable, but no religion would claim its practice is invalid. Muslims make the same statement about Mohammed so we need to see the evidence and make the comparisons.

2. Is this lesson intolerant?

Answer: No! To be tolerant means you will allow a different view to be held and not try to force it out of existence. Matthew 5-7 is the greatest demonstration of true tolerance in existence--turning the other cheek, going the second mile, not returning evil for evil. Making a case for your belief is not being intolerant--Jihad is.

3. Give some examples of "biblical brevity."

Answer: The creation account being covered in 31 verses. No description of the physical features of Jesus. Only 34 days of the 12,000 days of Jesus' life are covered.

4. How does the sordid story of David and Bathsheba show that the Bible did not come from the mind of man?

Answer: Men would have clipped that story out because humans do not expose their heroes. The version of the Koran being distributed by Muslims in the U.S. has been whitewashed, with commands considered to be offensive to westerners removed. The two versions of the Koran shown in the presentation are available on line from Amazon.

5. What was unique about the way that Jesus taught?

Answer: Among other things, He taught with authority and claimed divinity. C. S. Lewis says Jesus was either a lunatic or God. No middle ground exists.

6. What is meant by the term "organized religion"?

Answer: Man-made denominations or sects that teach a viewpoint of man or of a single scholar. Various denominations have creeds that they follow that may be biblically based, but still they impose the teachings of an individual or group in addition to the Bible. This is what has caused the Crusades, Mormon and Jehovah Witness teachings that contradict the Bible, and disasters like the Jim Jones massacre, the inquisition, and the Ku Klux Klan.

7. How has organized religion contributed to the rejection of the Bible by many people?

Answer: By taking positions on scientific issues and crediting them to the Bible when they were in error on both their science and what the Bible teaches. The earth being flat, the age of the earth being 6,000 years, the idea that God causes tragedy in human lives, and the teaching that women are inferior to men are just a few examples. The next two lessons will explore some of these issues.

8. Why is it important for every person to ask the question “Which God?”

Answer: Because we need to know why we believe what we believe. Otherwise our faith is really just acceptance and will not be an active, living faith.

9. What is the greatest evidence to Christians, and possibly to the world, that the Bible is inspired, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that Christianity is the only way to life?

Answer: In the lives of Christians and the fruits of their works. When people can see changes in our lives and can see Christ living in us, they have the greatest evidence that Jesus is what He said He was and that the Bible is God-breathed.