

MESSAGE SUMMARY

You live in a culture that values tolerance but resists authority. Because of that, Christianity is often criticized as being too exclusive. This message helps you see that exclusivity is not unique to Christianity, every worldview draws lines somewhere. The real struggle people have is not whether truth is exclusive, but who has the authority to define truth.

Christianity does not claim to be true because it excludes others. It excludes because Jesus claimed to be the truth (John 14:6). Salvation is narrow in how it happens, through Christ alone but radically wide in who can receive it. The door is narrow, but it is open to everyone who will repent and believe.

MAIN POINTS

Big Idea: Christianity isn't uniquely exclusive, every worldview is. Christianity is simply honest about where it draws the line.

1. Truth is connected to reality: Truth is not based on preference or feelings; truth must match reality.
(John 14:6; Acts 4:12).

2. You Worldview shapes everything: You interpret life through a worldview, whether you realize it or not.
(1Peter 3:15; Romans 12:2).

3. Christianity is narrow and Wide at the same time: Salvation happens through Christ alone, but the invitation is open to all.
(1Timothy 2:5-5; John 3:16-19).

4. The Real Issue is Authority: Most resistance to Christianity is not about exclusivity, but about who gets to be in charge.
(Galatians 1:10; Acts 4:8-13).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why must every worldview be exclusive in some way? *Possible Answer:* Every worldview claims certain beliefs are true and others are false. Without boundaries, truth becomes meaningless (John 14:6; Galatians 1:9).

2. Why is Jesus' claim in John 14:6 central to Christianity? *Possible Answer:* Christianity stands or falls on who Jesus is. If He truly is the way, the truth, and the life, then salvation cannot be found anywhere else (Acts 4:12).

3. Who currently has the most authority in shaping your worldview, Jesus, culture, or yourself?

Possible Answer: Many believers unintentionally allow culture or personal comfort to shape their beliefs instead of submitting fully to Christ (Romans 12:2).

4. Where do you feel tension between being loving and standing for truth? *Possible Answer:* Jesus shows that love and truth are not opposites. You can love people deeply while still holding firm to biblical truth (John 1:14).

5. How can you better represent Jesus with both confidence and humility this week? *Possible Answer:* By being prepared to explain your hope with gentleness and respect, while trusting the Holy Spirit to work in others' hearts (1 Peter 3:15).

GOSPEL CONNECTION

The gospel confronts both unbelievers and believers. If you have never trusted Jesus, the invitation is clear: repent and believe. Turn from trusting yourself, your morality, or your worldview, and place your faith in Jesus alone for salvation (John 3:16-18).

If you are already a believer, this call is still for you. Repent of areas where you resist Jesus' authority or reshape truth to fit your preferences. Believe again that Jesus is not only your Savior, but your Lord.

The door is narrow but it is open. Jesus came down the mountain because you could never climb your way up. Receive Him, trust Him, and represent Him well in a world searching for truth.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Monday - Every Worldview Draws a Line

Key Verse: *"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"* (John 14:6)

Reflection: You live in a world that claims all beliefs should be accepted, yet every belief system still decides what is true and what is not. Christianity is not uniquely exclusive; it is simply honest about where it draws the line. Jesus does not invite you to admire Him, but to trust Him as the truth. He absolutely loves you!

Application Question: Where do you see the culture drawing lines about truth while claiming there are none? Possible Answer: Culture often rejects absolute truth while strongly insisting that *its* views on morality and identity must be accepted (John 14:6; Galatians 1:9).

Prayer Response: Lord Jesus, help me recognize that truth is not created by culture but revealed by You. Give me humility to follow truth even when it challenges me, in Jesus' Name, Amen (John 14:6; Galatians 1:9–10).

Tuesday - Truth Must Match Reality

Key Verse: *"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."* (Acts 4:12)

Reflection: Truth is not determined by sincerity, popularity, or preference. Truth must match reality. If Jesus truly rose from the dead, then His claims are not arrogant; they are authoritative.

Application Question: What do you rely on to decide whether something is true, feelings, consensus, or God's Word? Possible Answer: God's Word reveals truth that aligns with reality and does not shift with culture or emotions (Acts 4:12).

Prayer Response: God, anchor my heart in what is true, not what is easy. Strengthen my faith to trust You even when truth feels uncomfortable, in Jesus' Name, Amen (Acts 4:12; John 14:6).

Wednesday - Examine Your Worldview

Key Verse: *"Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."* (1 Peter 3:15)

Reflection: You view life through a worldview like glasses that shape how you explain, interpret, and apply life. Ignoring your worldview does not remove it. Following Jesus means allowing Him to shape how you see everything.

Application Question: How has your worldview influenced the way you respond to suffering, success, or conflict? Possible Answer: When Jesus shapes your worldview, suffering has purpose, success stays humble, and conflict is handled with grace (Romans 12:2).

Prayer Response: Lord, realign my thinking with Your truth. Shape how I see life so that my hope points others to You, in Jesus' Name, Amen (1 Peter 3:15; Romans 12:2).

Thursday - Narrow Way, Wide Invitation

Key Verse: *"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."* (1 Timothy 2:5)

Reflection: Salvation is narrow in how it happens through Jesus alone but wide in who it invites. The door is open to anyone willing to repent and believe. God's grace is not limited by background, failure, or doubt.

Application Question: Who might God be inviting you to share this open invitation with? Possible Answer: God calls believers to lovingly invite others to trust Christ, knowing salvation is offered to all (John 3:16).

Prayer Response: Jesus, thank You for making a way when I could not. Give me courage and compassion to share Your invitation with others, in Jesus' Name, Amen. (1 Timothy 2:5–6; John 3:16–19)

Friday - The Real Issue Is Authority

Key Verse: *"If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ."* (Galatians 1:10)

Reflection: Most resistance to Christianity is not about exclusivity but authority. Following Jesus means surrendering control and trusting Him as Lord. True freedom comes not from self-rule, but from Christ's loving rule.

Application Question: In what area of your life do you struggle most to submit to Jesus' authority? Possible Answer: Many believers resist Jesus' authority in areas like relationships, priorities, or comfort, yet peace comes through obedience (Galatians 1:10).

Prayer Response: Lord Jesus, I surrender every area of my life to You. Help me trust that Your authority leads to life, freedom, and joy, in Jesus' Name, Amen. (Galatians 1:10; Acts 4:8–13)