

# Why Christianity?



## **John 8:12 (NKJV)**

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

## **Isn't Christianity Just another Religion?**

The top four religions of the world are Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism are all work-based faiths. Muslims believe that Allah grants paradise to those who live a morally righteous life using the Five Pillars as their guide. Hinduism teaches that one can only reach Moksha by practicing self-sacrifice, meditation, and self-realization. Buddhists must follow the noble eightfold path.

Christianity stands alone in asserting that whatever we do to try to earn our way to heaven, we all fall short of a righteous life pleasing to God. (Romans 3:23). In the world in which we live, that should be self-evident. Heaven is a gift from God, not a right you earn by simply trying to obey a set of rules. Good works are important, but works alone are not enough. The gift requires RELATIONSHIP.

## **Biblical History Surrounding Christianity**

God created mankind for deep fellowship with Him and with each other. In the post-flood era, mankind again turned away from God. Through God's grace and love, God chose to restore His relationship with mankind by sacrificing His own Son to atone for the sins of man. In the Old Testament sense, Jesus became the Lamb of God. God's plan was carried out, and we are lovingly reconciled to God through His Son Jesus Christ.

## **Jesus is Christianity**

Christianity is founded on the life, character, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus' purpose on earth was to proclaim the TRUTH and restore our RELATIONSHIP with God. Jesus claimed to be one with God - John 14:9, 1:14, 8:19, 12:45, Col 1:15... Without Jesus Christianity does not exist. There is no parallel in other religions. Either Jesus was who He claimed to be or He was not. Let's look at the evidence.

### **Prophecy**

Jesus fulfilled so many Old Testament prophecies that the mathematical probability for one man fulfilling all of these is basically zero.

### **Miracles**

Jesus used miracles to demonstrate God's power over 40 times, often before thousands of witnesses.

### **The Resurrection**

The resurrection is the critical part of the evidence for belief in Christianity. Jesus' resurrection points to His being who He claimed to be, the Son of God.

## **Evidence for Jesus' Resurrection**

- ✦ Roman soldiers guarding Jesus' tomb would not allow removal of Jesus' body under the penalty of death.
- ✦ 2000 years ago women lacked credibility as witnesses. If the account were contrived, men would have made the discovery of the empty tomb, not women.
- ✦ Hundreds of people saw Jesus after His resurrection.
- ✦ Upon Jesus' arrest most of Jesus' disciples feared for their lives, some even denied knowing Jesus. After His resurrection all were convinced Jesus was who He claimed to be. All but one disciple died a violent death for believing that Jesus had risen. Nobody would sacrifice themselves for something they knew to be a lie. Thereafter, thousands died at the hands of the Romans for their belief in Jesus. Many were fist hand witnesses to the TRUTH.

## **The gift requires RELATIONSHIP**

God is real, the Bible is real, Jesus is real. Start building a relationship now that will last forever.

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