

# ASKING FOR A FRIEND

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“Is Jesus the  
Only Way?”

## OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for Jesus. Thank you for loving us in the midst of all of our brokenness. Thank you for providing a way that we could connect with you – a perfect God. Lord, give us wisdom to understand what we study today and give us courage to take the gospel messages to others. We pray this in the matchless and powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

### James 8:12 (NIV)

*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

### John 11:25 (NIV)

*“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die”*

### John 14:6 (NIV)

*Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

## FOR REFLECTION:

*“This is one of the things we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would be a lunatic. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse.”*

- CS Lewis, Mere Christianity<sup>^</sup>

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## INTRODUCTION

Is there more than one way to get to heaven? If we say “Jesus is the only way,” isn’t it going to sound very narrow minded, snobbish and exclusive. In a world filled with contradicting ideas, there can only be one truth. What’s the difference between Jesus being the “best” way, and him being the only way?

When we believe that Jesus is the only way to heaven, we are simply believing what Jesus himself said. That is not being narrow minded, we are rationally responding to the evidence presented. If there was another way to save us from sin, Jesus would not have come to earth. Our response is to place our faith in Christ, tell others about Jesus, remember what he has done and celebrate.

## QUESTIONS

- 1) Have you ever been reluctant to say Jesus is the only way to heaven because it seems very narrow minded, snobbish and exclusive?
- 2) Read C.S. Lewis’ quote on page 1. Do you think Jesus was the Son of God or a madman? Would you still follow Jesus’ teachings if he lied about being the Son of God?
- 3) Read the scripture passages on page 1. Do you believe there is more than one way to heaven? If yes, how do you reconcile Jesus’ words with a belief in multiple ways to heaven?
- 4) Do you think it’s important to introduce people to Jesus that don’t know the Gospel message?
- 5) Is taking communion, important to you spiritually? Why or why not?

## FINAL APPLICATION

What is one thing you can do this week to introduce someone to Jesus?