

Exclusivity of the Gospel Resources

Scriptures to Explore with Questions & Core Concepts

Deuteronomy 6:1-25 *Who is this God and what does it mean to serve him ONLY?*

Daniel 7:1-4 *How did the ancients understand the supremacy of the Son of Man?*

Matthew 26:36-46 *Passion narrative: why was it "not possible" for the cup to pass? God apparently thought it was necessary?*

Mark 2:1-12 *Jesus claims to have the authority to forgive sins. Who else claims authority to forgive sins?*

"I AM" Statements in John 4:26; 6:20; 6:35, 41, 48, 51; 8:12 and 9:5; 8:24, 28; 8:58; 10:9; 11:25-26; 13:19; 14:6; 15:1-5; 18:5-8 *Jesus made several claims in John that equated him with the I AM of Israel, and in so doing, he claimed to be God*

Acts 4:12 *The early church saw the gospel as exclusive / "No other name".*

Acts 17:16-31 *The early church saw the gospel as exclusive / Paul's sermon in Athens on other gods.*

Romans 3:23; 6:23 *The early church saw the gospel as exclusive.*

1 Corinthians 15:12-18 *The early church saw the gospel as exclusive. If the resurrection is not true, we are of all people most to be pitied.*

2 Timothy 2:15 *It's worth studying so we know what we believe and can be unashamed.*

2 Timothy 3:10-4:8 *The truth of what we believe shapes our lives, our ministry, our thinking and our very souls for salvation.*

Podcasts & Videos

Keller, Tim. "Exclusivity: How Can There be Just One True Religion?" Redeemer Presbyterian Church, September 24, 2006, iTunes. (25 minutes, sermon setting)

Reeves, Mike. "[Just Jesus: One Way or Different Ways.](#)" Theology Network. (Three, 30 minute lectures. Slightly pedantic, screen first before using with pre-Christians.)

Orr-Ewing, Amy. "[Is the Bible Intolerant?](#)" Veritas Forum, 2007. (50 minute lecture with engaging Oxford apologist in Veritas Forum setting.)

Articles & Short Booklets

Ashton, Mark. [Absolute Truth](#). IVP Booklets, 1996. (31 tiny little pages. Discusses relativism, arriving at religion truth, historicity of Jesus, claims of Jesus; the need to choose.)

Beatty, Katelyn. "[Oxford's Unapologetic Female Apologist](#)" Christianity Today Online, April 2015, Vol. 59, No. 3. (Great article about popular apologist Amy Orr Ewing and her down to earth, winsome approach to the truth claims of Jesus.)

Inazu, John. "[Pluralism Doesn't Mean Relativism](#)" Christianity Today Online, April 6, 2015. (Addresses the need for pluralism in our society while holding onto the exclusivity of Jesus.)

Taylor, Daniel. "[Are You Tolerant? Should You Be?: Deconstructing the Gospel of Tolerance](#)" Christianity Today Online, January 11, 1999. (An oldie, and a tiny bit moldy, but quite helpful and thorough.)

White, James Emery. *Is Jesus the Only Way to God?* IVP Booklets, 2010. (28 tiny little pages. Helpful short summary of: the idea that all paths lead to God; legal, relational, and intellectual tolerance; respecting other religions; ultimate destiny of good people who don't follow Jesus; choosing Jesus.)

Chapters in Longer Books

Anyabwile, Thabiti. "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," [The Decline of African American Theology: From Biblical Faith to Cultural Captivity](#). IVP Academic, 2007.

Beckwith, Francis, ed. Chapter 17 "Religious Pluralism and Christian Exclusivism," [To Everyone an Answer: A Case for the Christian Worldview](#). IVP Academic, 2004.

Keller, Timothy. "Reason for God: The Exclusivity of Truth," [A Place for Truth](#), Dallas Willard, ed. IVP, 2010.

Lewis, C.S. "Liar, Lunatic, or Lord," [Mere Christianity](#). Harper Collins, 1952. (Jesus claimed to be God. Can we reject his claims for uniqueness and divinity but still accept his other teachings and life example?)

Prothero, Stephen. "Introduction," [God is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World](#). HarperOne, 2010. (Thesis: the different religions are not different paths up the same mountain. Written by a non-Christian.)

Books

Beckwith, Francis, ed. [To Everyone an Answer: A Case for the Christian Worldview](#). IVP Academic, 2004.

Keller, Timothy. [The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism](#). Dutton, 2008.

Lewis, C.S. [Mere Christianity](#). Harper Collins, 1952.

Morgan, Christopher. [Faith Comes by Hearing: A Response to Inclusivism](#). IVP Academic, 2008.

Orr-Ewing, Amy. [Is the Bible Tolerant?](#) IVP, 2006.

Sire, James. [Naming the Elephant: Worldview as a Concept](#). IVP Academic, 2015.

Stackhouse, John G. [No Other Gods Before Me?: Evangelicals and the Challenge of World Religions](#). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2001.

Strobel, Lee. [The Case for Christ](#). Zondervan, 2013.

Tiessen, Terrance. [Who Can Be Saved?: Reassessing Salvation in Christ and World Religions](#). IVP Academic, 2004.

Wright, N.T. [Justification: God's Plan & Paul's Vision](#). IVP Academic, 2009.

Zacharias, Ravi. [Jesus Among Other Gods](#). W Publishing Group, 2002.

Related Tenets of InterVarsity's Doctrinal Basis

"The only true God, the almighty Creator of all things, existing eternally in three persons Father, Son, and Holy Spirit full of love and glory." (Tags: exclusivity, creation, trinity, nature of God, love of God, glory of God, pluralism, interfaith, tolerance/intolerance, community in trinity, eternity)

"Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, who lived as a perfect example, who assumed the judgment due sinners by dying in our place, and who was bodily raised from the dead and ascended as Savior and Lord." (Tags: Christology, example of Christ, life of Christ, image and likeness of Christ, claims of Christ, substitutionary atonement/other orthodox models of the atonement (beyond penal substitution), judgment, sin, physical bodily resurrection, ascension, salvation, Lordship/authority of God in the life of the believer)

"Justification by God's grace to all who repent and put their faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation." (Tags: soteriology, justification, repentance, salvation, grace, faith, exclusivity of Christ, pluralism, tolerance/intolerance, interfaith, orthodox models of justification (beyond penal substitution))

"The victorious reign and future personal return of Jesus Christ, who will judge all people with justice and mercy, giving over the unrepentant to eternal condemnation but receiving the redeemed into eternal life." (Tags: restoration of all things, now and not yet, second coming, kingship, kingdom, judgment, justice, exclusivity, pluralism, tolerance, mercy, hell, redemption, eternal life)