

Is Christianity Too Narrow?

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“To say, ‘I don’t know which religion is true’ is an act of humility. To say, ‘None of the religions have truth, no one can be sure there’s a god’ is actually to assume you have the kind of knowledge, you just said no other person, no other religion has. ... To say ... ‘Nobody can see the whole truth’—you couldn’t know that unless you think you see the whole truth. And, therefore, you’re doing the very thing you say religious people shouldn’t do.” – Tim Keller

The truth of  
Christianity is narrow.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” – Genesis 1:1

“I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery. Do not have other gods besides me.” – Exodus 20:1-2

“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.  
We observed his glory, the glory of the one and  
only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”  
– John 1:14

“You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.” —  
Matthew 7:13-14

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” – John 14:6



“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.” – Acts 4:12

God our Savior, “. . . who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, a testimony at the proper time.” – 1 Timothy 2:4-6

“... who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross.

For this reason God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow—in heaven and on earth and under the earth—and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” –

Philippians 2:6-11

“The reason we want many ways to God is because we want to be in charge. We want to make our own way. But the God of the universe is saying in his grace, “I have made a way for you.” He has not left you alone—he has come to you.” – David Platt

“The universal religion of humankind is: We develop a good record and give it to God, and then he owes us. The gospel is: God develops a good record and gives it to us, then we owe him. In short, to say a good person, not just Christians, can find God is to say good works are enough. . . . But this apparently inclusive approach is really quite exclusive. It says, ‘The good people are in, and the bad people are out.’ What does this mean for those of us with moral failures? We are excluded. ...

“... So both approaches are exclusive, but the gospel is the more inclusive exclusivity. It says joyfully, ‘It doesn’t matter who you are or what you’ve done. It doesn’t matter if you’ve been at the gates of hell. You can be welcomed and embraced fully and instantly through Christ.’” – Tim Keller