Is Jesus the Only Way to Salvation?

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INTRODUCTION

- Pope Francis' statements are really the product and the influence of what is called a pluralistic society.
- I want to say and proclaim this morning that Jesus is the only way to salvation. He is it. There is no other way.

1 This Thinking Will Never Work With Jesus

John 10:9; John 14:6; Matthew 7:13–14

- Pluralism attempts to turn Jesus just into another nice person, a nice prophet who says good things.
- And that doesn't work with Jesus. Because it's not what Jesus says about himself.
- John 10 in verse 9, he says, I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved. He did not say, choose any door, just be religious.
- He claims to be the exclusive way to salvation. That is his claim.

2 Scripture Teaches That Pluralism Is Wrong

1 Thessalonians 1:9

- Even outside of Jesus' teaching, the scripture teaches that pluralism is wrong.
- It's not true just because you feel like it's true. That is not what truth is.
- Paul tells the Corinthian brethren when they offer to false gods, when they are taking part in pagan sacrifices, they offer to demons and not gods.
- The path there was to turn from error and to turn toward truth.

3 Pluralism Is Philosophical Failure

- I would propose to you that no one actually believes in pluralistic ideas in reality. You simply can't.
- If pluralism cannot fit Christianity or Islam, for that matter, then it fails as a system.
- It fails logically and it fails morally.
- If we believe there's truth, then it matters what we believe. If we believe there is no truth, nothing matters.

4 Jesus Is Much Better

Matthew 7:13–14

- Jesus is much better. He is way better than pluralism or kind of this cowardly avoidance of any kind of conflict.

- He defeated death and offers deliverance from the body of sin and resurrection to new life.
- But this truth comes with grace and hope and assurance or confidence.
- Amazingly, in God's plan, we are saved by grace through faith.

5 The World Will Suppress Truth

Romans 1:18; Acts 4:1–3

- The first of those is that the world will suppress truth.
- The world's not interested in truth because truth is hard. And truth means you have to change and you have to do something different.
- God's wrath is going to be revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness. That is people who suppress the truth.
- These priests and the captain of the temple, they're greatly annoyed by the preaching of Jesus and resurrection.

6 Truth Holds Power, So Boldly Speak Truth

Romans 3:21

- Courage to speak truth even when it's hard, because truth holds power.
- Truth, unlike pluralism, unlike relativism, unlike the thought of the day, actually demands response.
- The world needs God's people to continue to boldly speak truth in the name of Jesus and the authority of Jesus and who He is.
- The realities of the cross, God's plan of salvation, and what God has done through Jesus Christ.

THE CHALLENGE

There is no other way to be saved other than Jesus Christ. And we should be unashamed to say that.

MY NOTES