Jesus, what do you mean?

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

Or, How can Jesus be the only way to God?

John 14:6

The Words:

 Jesus is comforting His troubled disciples by assuring them that by following Him they can not go wrong. As some of Jesus’ final words, they bring great peace to those who believe Him, but great consternation to those who seek their own “ways,” who determine what is “true for them,” and who want their own kind of “life.”

The Challenge:

 This may be the most politically incorrect of Jesus’ sayings. Can we even imagine that absolute truth is possible, never mind there being only one way to God? Our version of democracy has lured many us into the fallacy that “a right to an opinion” means “a right opinion,” or at least the right to believe what we want. And pluralism has taught us that it is intolerant even to suggest there is only one way to do anything, especially find God’s approval.

The Principles:

As The Way, Jesus is the one and only path to God because only He came from the Father and returned to the Father after His death and resurrection for sinners. John 13:1-5; Hebrews 1:1-3

 *It also means that He knows what is best for us.*

As The Truth, Jesus is the only full embodiment of God, the Logos (Word), and fulfillment of God’s Promise. John 1:1-5, 14-18, 43-45. *It also means that He defines the true.*

As The Life, Jesus is the only authorized giver of God’s life. John 3:36; 6:57, 58; 1 John 5:11, 12. *It also means He is the power source for overcoming our difficulties.*

The Application: Loving the Uniqueness of Jesus

 Jesus is not another religious “player” among many. His life, His claims, and His promises are like nothing else in religious traditions or literature: Here’s why. . .

1. Jesus alone was qualified to pay for our sins.

 Why do folks stumble over this one? Mohammed, Ghandi, Buddha, Confucius, none of them even pretended to assure the forgiveness of sins. But it is both necessary and available. Romans 1:18; 3:10-19. He loves you.

2. Jesus alone lives to make intercession for us.

 None of the world’s religions claims that their leader or founder rose from the dead. Jesus did, however, and is even now praying for His people. Resurrection was God’s stamp of approval. Acts 17:30, 31. He knows you.

3. Jesus alone overcomes all pretenders to spiritual authority.

 God’s word about His Son is hated in this world, which is why there are thousands of idolatries. He was opposed in His life, and rejected even in His resurrection. But He was the TANAKH’s Promised One, and will prevail over all His enemies. Psalm 2; 2 Thessalonians 1. He will vindicate you.