



## Part 5: The Question of Salvation

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Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. – *John 14:6*

### **The problem:**

God is much bigger than we can imagine (*Isaiah 40:25-26*)

God is Holy and has a perfect standard (*Leviticus 11:45 and 1 Thessalonians 4:7*)

We are not perfect (*Romans 3:23*)

### **Our response:** (*Luke 15:11-31*)

We try to run from any expectations or standard (*rebellious*)

Or we try to justify ourselves and our actions (*religious*)

### **God's response:** (*Isaiah 53 and John 3:1-21*)

Salvation through Jesus

Love and forgiveness

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Every other faith system requires our effort.

Jesus requires our surrender.

**A burning question for you:**

What part are you playing in helping others see the message of Jesus?

**Next Steps:**

Begin praying now for who you can share Jesus with during the Easter season. Is there someone you should meet with for coffee, or invite to join your small group? Is there someone you can invite to a community activity or to a CTK service?

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**Small Group Questions**



- 1) Was there ever a time you felt trapped in a decision? How did it make you feel, and what did you do?
- 2) Do you think the message of Jesus is exclusive (leaving people out) or inclusive (open to everyone)? Does that affect how we should treat people?
- 3) How would you share the message of the gospel (salvation) in 30 seconds or less?
- 4) Read John 3:1-21. What is the difference between "save" and "condemn"? When have you felt condemned, and how do you think God wants you to feel?
- 5) What is our responsibility for sharing with others?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?