

Bay Life Church Message Notes

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Grace, Truth & Other Belief Systems

We can't believe that other belief systems are true because of logic.

- Truth can't be relative — there must be absolute truth
- Absolute truth is non-contradictory
- Since all religions contradict each other at some point, all of them can't be true

We can believe that Christianity is true because of Jesus.

- Jesus fulfilled ancient prophecies
- Jesus said some pointed things

1 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **2** In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. **4** And you know the way to where I am going.” **5** Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” **6** Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” **8** Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” **9** Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? **10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The **words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.**

John 14:1-10

- Jesus did some amazing stuff

11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else **believe on account of the works themselves.**

John 14:11

- Jesus didn't stay dead

1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. **2** And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3** but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. **4** While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. **5** And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? **6** He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, **7** that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” **8** And they remembered his

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*words, **9** and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.*

Luke 24:1-11

***13** But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. raised. **16** For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. **17** And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.*

1 Corinthians 14:13, 16

We can believe that Christianity is true because of grace.

- All other religions = DO | Christianity = DONE
- Grace *and* Truth? Should be Grace **is** Truth