

# The Certain Savior

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The Uniqueness of Christ in World Religions

# Why Christ?

- Am I a Christian because America is a Christian nation?
- Would I be a Hindu if I were born in India?
- Would I be a Buddhist if I was born in Nepal?
- Would I be a Muslim if I were born in Pakistan?
  
- *Is there any real difference among religions or do all paths lead to God?*

# Who is Jesus Christ?

- *Jesus is from heaven; he is God the Son (Jesus is divine) (cf. John 1:1-18)*
  - *Where you are from tell others about you.*
  - *Jesus' heavenly origin makes him transcultural.*
  - *Jesus' claim to a heavenly origin is unique.*

# Who is Jesus Christ?

- *Jesus was born a man. He is God Incarnate (Jesus is human)*
  - *Jesus' virgin birth explains that Christ had no beginning.*
  - *The New Testament clearly teaches the virgin birth (see Luke 1:26-38; Matt. 1:18) and even the Koran affirms the virgin birth of Jesus.*
  - *No other historical religious figure claims a virgin birth. This cannot be said of Mohammed, Krishna or Buddha.*

# What makes Jesus Christ so unique?

- **The Uniqueness of the Fulfillment of Messianic Prophecies**
  - The OT predicted
  - the where (Micah 5:2),
  - the when (Dan. 9:26),
  - and the how (Isa. 7:14) of Christ's birth.
  - *Plus many other details of his life and death*

# What makes Jesus Christ so unique?

- **The Uniqueness of His Conception**

- **Matthew** (1:22-23) points to the prophecy of Isaiah (7:14).
- **Luke**, a physician, records this miraculous inception of human life (Luke 1:26f.);
- **Paul** alludes to it in Galatians 4:4.

# What makes Jesus Christ so unique?

- **The Uniqueness of His Life**

- Jesus the miracle worker

- Power over nature, disease, even death.

- Matt 11:4-5; John 3:2

- Miracles pointed to the message and to the Messiah

# What makes Jesus Christ so unique?

- **The Uniqueness of His Death**
  - The events surrounding his death were miraculous – darkness and earthquakes
  - His attitude towards his mockers and executioners was miraculous. (Luke 23:34)

# What makes Jesus Christ so unique?

- **The Uniqueness of His Resurrection**
  - It was predicted in the OT (Ps. 2, 16)
  - He predicted his own resurrection (John 2:19-22; Matt. 12:40-42)
  - His resurrection was witnessed by more than 500 people over a period of 40 days on at least 12 separate occasions.

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- **The Uniqueness of His Ascension**

- After commissioning his disciples, ‘...he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.’ Acts 1:9 (NIV)

Just as he literally ascended into heaven so when he returns he will literally descend to earth.

# What makes Jesus Christ so unique?

- **The Uniqueness of His Sinlessness**

- At his trial Pilate exonerated Jesus (Luke 23:4)
- On the cross a soldier and a criminal spoke of his innocence (Luke 23:41, 47)
- *He asked his enemies to convict him of sin (John 8:46)*
- *His followers proclaimed his sinlessness (Heb. 4:15)*

# Jesus Christ is Unique.

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He is the most unique person in the entire history of the human race. Moreover, when compared to other religious leaders we find that he is superior to them in every way.

# Jesus is superior to Moses



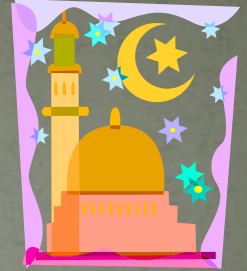
## Moses

- Prophet
- Revealed the law
- Miracle worker
- Claimed to be a prophet

## Jesus Christ (see Hebrews)

- A Superior prophet
- Superior revelation of God's truth
- Superior miracles
- Claimed to be God

# Jesus is superior to Mohammed



## Mohammed

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- Message of Allah
- No sure way of salvation; one works one's way into Allah's favor
- Mohammed's life was marked by war, polygamy and even violating the Koran.

## Jesus Christ

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- A Superior message
- Salvation provided to all we receive Christ by faith
- Jesus sinless, morally superior life offers a better model life.

# Jesus is superior to Hindu Gurus



## Hindu Gurus

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- Pantheistic worldview
- Good or bad Karma?
- Must have a guru
- Reincarnation (anyone?)

## Jesus Christ

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- A Superior worldview – theism
- Jesus' moral teaching is superior
- Jesus gives a superior path to enlightenment – God's Word.
- Eternal life (Heb. 9:27)

# Jesus is superior to Buddha



## Buddha

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- Atheistic worldview
- Suffering and Nirvana
- Works salvation, reincarnation
- Buddha claimed a final incarnation, a final enlightenment and that he reached nirvana

## Jesus Christ

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- A Superior worldview – theism
- Jesus' offers more hope
- Jesus offers a better way of salvation – personal eternal life for believers
- Jesus Christ claimed to be God and the Savior



Jesus Christ is Unique.

He is superior to every religious  
or philosophical teacher.

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*He is unique in his supernatural nature,  
in his superlative character,  
and in his life and teaching.*

# Jesus Christ is absolutely unique among all who ever lived.

- No other world teacher has claimed to be God.
- No other religious leader (except some who copied Christ) offered salvation by faith, apart from works.
- *No religious or philosophical leader has displayed the love for people that Jesus did in dying for the sins of the world (John 15:13; Rom. 5:6-8).*

# Who is Jesus Christ?

- Liar – A deceiver
- Lunatic – A self deluded man
- Lord – Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior

