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“Is Jesus the Only Way?”

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Beyond the
Weekend

SPEND DAILY TIME WITH GOD AS YOU READ, THINK, PRAY, + ACT.

2026 Focus: 12 Months of Prayer | May: Prayers of Intercession

Each month, journey through a different biblical model of prayer.

Day 1 [John 1:1-5](#) | The Word

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

John is a disciple who has witnessed the ministry and crucifixion of Jesus, including seeing and speaking with him after his resurrection. To teach others about Jesus’s identity and purpose, John writes a gospel account, or biography, of Jesus’s life. Here, he opens by connecting the identity of Jesus with the eternal God who created all things. Jesus, the Word, is one with God the Father (“the Word was God”), but he’s also distinct (he was “with God”). Throughout the Old Testament, the “Word” of God refers to the self-expression or revelation of God. John carries that idea forward in identifying Jesus as the true and full revelation of God himself.

The testimony of Scripture and the claims of Jesus’s disciples reveal his identity as God in flesh. As a result, we can have confidence about who Jesus is and what he accomplished. God’s Word is not a book of fables or crafted tales written in isolation. The Bible, including the gospels of Jesus, is rooted in verifiable history and eyewitness accounts. We can trust what it says about the identity and work of Jesus.

TODAY: Take time to praise Jesus, the divine Word who reveals God to us. Reflect on who he is and what he has done as revealed in the pages of Scripture. After reflecting, thank God for the blessing of knowing Jesus. Continue your praise by singing with our worship team, “[All Hail King Jesus](#).”

Day 2 [John 10:22-33](#) | The Claim

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one. John 10:29-30

Throughout his ministry, Jesus has multiple heated exchanges with the religious leaders. These teachers of the law press him about his true identity. Who does he say he really is? In a clear and bold response, Jesus claims equality with God the Father. The Jewish leaders know exactly what this means. Jesus is not just claiming to be a miracle worker or a good teacher. He is claiming to be God. At this, they pick up stones to kill him, saying, “We are not stoning you for any good work...but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God” ([John 10:33](#)).

If Jesus truly is God, the implications are massive for us today. He can’t simply be a good teacher or mere miracle worker. He didn’t leave that option open. To call Jesus a good person while denying his identity as God would be to call him a liar, since he clearly claimed to be God. And if he is God, as he claimed, then the only proper response is for us to fully submit to his lordship and leadership.

TODAY: Reflect on what it would mean to fully submit to the lordship of Jesus. Is there an “untouchable” area of your life that you need to submit to him? Ask God for the courage to identify areas of your life to surrender to his rule.

Day 3 [John 14:5-14](#) | The Way

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

Jesus’s disciples have seen him perform many miracles and heard him affirm his identity as God. Yet, this band of misfits is also troubled and uncertain about all he has claimed. After reminding them of his impending death on the cross, Jesus reassures them that even if he departs from them, they still have access to the Father. Jesus has come as *the* way to true life, and no one comes to the Father except through him.

Just like Jesus’s disciples two thousand years ago, we need the same reminder today. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. He is not merely a good option among many; he is the exclusive path to knowing God and being with him forever. In today’s culture, many voices compete for our attention and affection. People struggle with exclusive claims, and generic ideas of “tolerance” are often pushed. But despite these messages, we must remember the exclusive nature of Jesus’s assertions. There are not many paths to God. There is one. And his name is Jesus.

TODAY: Pray for greater faith to believe Jesus’s claims. As you believe, you will likely face opposition from other people. Ask God for courage and humility to trust Jesus at his word and to represent him well to the world around you. If you’d like to go deeper into this topic, check out the latest episode of the Beyond the Weekend podcast. Find it wherever you listen to podcasts or on YouTube [HERE](#).

Day 4 [John 20:30-31](#) | The Life

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31

The apostle John concludes his biography of Jesus by sharing what he hopes his readers will glean. His desire is not that people gain a mere intellectual exposure to the claims, ministry, and work of Jesus. Rather, he hopes they will truly believe that Jesus is who he says he is. John recognizes that faith in Jesus is not a simple academic exercise. It’s possible to be wowed by him but never have faith in him. John’s heart is for people to see Jesus for who he really is and to surrender their lives to him by faith.

Throughout this week, we have considered multiple claims of Jesus and the eyewitness testimony of his disciple, John, who confirmed his identity as the resurrected Son of God. There is much evidence that affirms the claims of Jesus. He raised people from the dead and performed many signs and wonders. He even stilled the storm and walked on water. But John wrote his book for more than simply conveying evidence. He wrote it so that we might believe. So, the question remains: do we believe?

TODAY: If you have never received Jesus by faith, today would be a great day to do so. You can pray something like this: “Father, I recognize that I am a sinner and that Jesus, the Son of God, came to save me through his life, death, and resurrection. I trust in Jesus and ask for forgiveness in his name.” If you have already received Jesus by faith, then take time today to thank him for the gift of new life.



Day 5 [Exodus 32:7–14](#) | Moses Intercedes for Israel

This year in Beyond the Weekend, journey through different biblical models of prayer—one each month. May’s focus is Intercession.

But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. “LORD,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand?” Exodus 32:11

Moses has been on Mount Sinai for forty days, receiving the law from God. Meanwhile, the Israelites have grown restless and afraid. They pressure Aaron into making a golden calf and worship it as their deliverer. They’ve broken God’s first two commands to have no other gods before him and to not make an image to worship ([Exodus 20:3–4](#)). God sees it all, and his anger burns. He tells Moses he will destroy them and start over. Moses responds with remarkable faith. He steps in to intercede. Moses prays for the people, appealing to God’s reputation and covenant promises. Moses stands in the gap between a holy, righteous God and a people who have quickly rebelled against him.

Just as Moses interceded for Israel, we too are invited to stand in the gap for others. Intercession means placing yourself between someone and their need, bringing them before God in prayer. We may not always know what to say, but intercession doesn’t require perfect words, only a willing heart. We can appeal to what we know is true about God—he is merciful, faithful, and full of steadfast love. We can be certain we have an even greater intercessor in Jesus, who “always lives to intercede” for us ([Hebrews 7:25](#)). When we pray for others, we join Jesus in the work of intercession.

TODAY: Think of someone who is in a hard place right now. Pray for them by name. Ask God to show his mercy and faithfulness in their situation and draw them to himself.