

# There are *many paths* to God.

At least that's what you've heard. Mohammed, Buddha, Jesus Christ: are they all just different versions of the same God? Will these paths—along with the paths of other world religions—eventually come together and lead you to the same destination? Before you make a determination about which path to choose, or whether or not you should stay on the path you're on, you should first consider what one of these individuals had to say about Himself.

During His lifetime, Jesus Christ made a number of bold claims about Himself. Among many other claims, He said that He had always existed, He said that He was the Son of God, He said that He had the power to forgive sin, and—perhaps most significantly—He said that He was the *only* way to God. Sound hard to believe? It does... unless the claims are actually true.



## LIAR, LUNATIC, *or* LORD?

Jesus' claims about Himself bring up big questions about who He actually was. There are basically three options to consider. He could have been making all of it up, telling people a bunch of crazy stories.

That would make Him a **LIAR**.

He could have merely *thought* that He was all of those things, but was actually none of them. That would make him crazy—a **LUNATIC**.

Or, all of those things could have been true, which would leave the last option: that he actually *was* God—and **LORD** of all.

Notice that there isn't a fourth option—that Jesus was merely some sort of "wise and enlightened" individual, or even a prophet. His claims about Himself make

that option impossible. He just doesn't leave any room for it.

And really, why would you want to have anything to do with someone so delusional that He thinks He's the Son of God? Or so deceptive that He lies about having the power to forgive sin?

The most significant decision you will ever make in your life is the one in which you decide who Jesus really is. He could be any one of these things: liar, lunatic, or Lord... but He can't be all of them, and He can't be just a "wise teacher." At one point, Jesus asked Peter, one of His disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered that Jesus was "the Son of the living God."

Now, who do you  
say that Jesus is?