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The Answer

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14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”



15 “But what about you?” he asked.
“Who do you say I am?”



16 Simon Peter answered,
“You are the Messiah,
the Son of the living God.”



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—Matthew 16:16



37 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:



38 “Blessed is the king who comes in the
name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory
in the highest!”



39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”



40 “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

—Luke 19:37-40



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—John 14:6



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¹² Salvation is found in no one else,
for there is no other name under
heaven given to mankind by which
we must be saved.”

—Acts 4:12



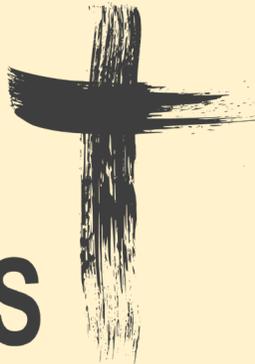
Big Idea

Religion is a controlling narrative, a story that helps explain what life is about, and who we are, and therefore, what we should spend our time focusing on.



“Religious pluralism is a lovely sentiment, but it is a dangerous, disrespectful and untrue perspective. Cultural diversity is a fact, but the idea of religious unity is wishful thinking. It has not made the world a safer place.

In fact, this naïve theological group-think has made the world more dangerous...



...by blinding us to the clashes of religion that threaten us worldwide. While the world's religions do converge when it comes to ethics, they diverge sharply on doctrinal and ritual differences. And these differences matter to ordinary people. They have real effects in the real world.

—Stephen Prothero



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Big Idea

Jesus shows us that God did not come into the world to condemn the world.

God's heart is not to judge the world.

He came to save the world by being judged in our place.



³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

—John 12:31-32



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