

## Beyond Tolerance to Truth

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I've had people tell me how intolerant I am to think that 'my religion is the only one that's got it all right.' Unfortunately, they don't really understand what it means to 'tolerate' something. To tolerate a belief, a viewpoint or a lifestyle means that you allow it to exist, even though you don't agree with it.

The issue really isn't about tolerance; it's about truth. And truth by its very definition is narrow. People want to experience truth but don't know where to find it. That's one of the reasons reality TV shows are so popular – the search for something genuine -especially in a world where fantasy and reality have become so blurred.

People have become jaded. Many are wrestling with who they can trust.

Even those close to Jesus were searching for truth. Thomas was confused by the riddles of life when he asked; "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?" (John 14:5 NLT). Jesus gave his followers an answer that's just as relevant today as it was back then. "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me" (John 14:6 NLT). What a bold statement – it's one that no other religious leader has ever had the courage to make.

Jesus is basically saying that he is the ultimate foundation for satisfaction in life. When he says that he's the only way to God the Father, some people have argued that this way is too narrow. But in reality, it's wide enough for the entire world. As *the way*, Jesus can make sense out of day-to-day living. As *the truth*, he is the reality of all God's promises and is completely reliable in all he says and does. As *the life*, he is not subject to death, because he conquered by his resurrection.

If people would only choose to accept it instead of worrying about how 'limited' it sounds. We ought to be saying, "Thank You Lord, for providing a sure way to get to you!"