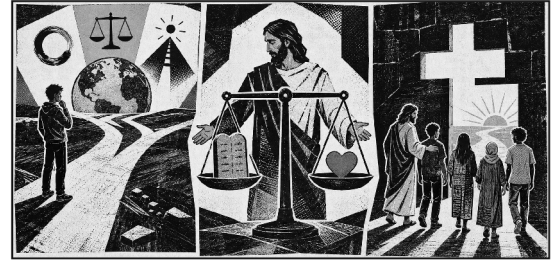


UNIT 2 · COMPARATIVE APOLOGETICS / 45 MINUTES

Jesus vs. Other Religions

Why do these videos say Jesus is the only way to God—and what should we examine in that claim?



BIG QUESTION

What is distinctive about the Christian claim that Jesus saves?

BY THE END, I CAN...

Summarize the videos' case for Jesus and compare it fairly with claims about karma, mercy, justice, and salvation.

MISSION OUTPUT

Three-column comparison + claim / evidence / question.

LEARN THIS

The two videos present a **Christian apologetic case**, not a neutral survey. They argue that some systems emphasize **justice**—for example, karma and the cycle of rebirth—while others emphasize **mercy**, such as forgiveness from God. Christianity claims that Jesus uniquely holds both together: God enters history, bears the penalty of sin on the cross, rises again, and offers **grace**. In this lesson, “mercy” means not receiving the punishment we deserve; “grace” means receiving a gift we did not earn. Treat each comparison as a claim to investigate, and check every tradition with more than one source.

YOUR 45-MINUTE PLAN

- 0–5 **Launch:** What does “the only way” mean? What would count as evidence?
- 5–19 **Watch Video 1;** record its reasons for Jesus’ uniqueness
- 19–28 **Watch Video 2;** listen for the justice / mercy / grace comparison
- 28–37 **Compare the three columns below;** mark a strength and a question
- 37–45 **Choose one claim;** write evidence, an assumption, and a fair response

THE VIDEOS' COMPARISON: JUSTICE, MERCY, AND SALVATION

VIDEO FRAMING Buddhism / Hinduism Karma and samsara	VIDEO FRAMING Islam Mercy and accountability	VIDEO FRAMING Christianity Justice + mercy in Jesus
PROBLEM Desire, attachment, or actions keep a person in a cycle of rebirth.	PROBLEM People are accountable to God and must answer for wrongdoing.	PROBLEM Sin and evil are not only “out there”; people contribute to the problem.
WAY THROUGH Release desire, seek enlightenment, or work toward liberation.	WAY THROUGH Submit to God, live faithfully, and depend on God’s mercy.	WAY THROUGH Jesus takes sin’s penalty, rises, and gives forgiveness and grace.
QUESTION TO TEST Can strict justice leave room for mercy?	QUESTION TO TEST How are forgiveness and justice held together?	QUESTION TO TEST Do Jesus’ identity, death, and resurrection support the claim?

This is the videos’ simplified comparison. Do not use it as a complete description of Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, or Christianity.

FOUR CHRISTIAN CLAIMS TO EXAMINE

- 01 Jesus is unique:** the videos point to claims such as “the way, the truth, and the life,” plus Jesus’ death and resurrection.
- 02 God enters suffering:** the cross is presented as compassion from a God who is not distant from human pain.
- 03 Justice and mercy meet:** Jesus bears the cost of sin; forgiveness is not treated as pretending wrong never happened.
- 04 Faith becomes personal:** salvation is not passing an intellectual test; the videos describe humility, repentance, trust, and asking God for help.

BONUS VIDEO: CHOICE, HEAVEN, AND HELL

The bonus clip asks whether non-Christians get into heaven and uses a C. S. Lewis image: God does not force anyone into fellowship, so a person’s chosen response to God matters. The clip also argues that truth claims cannot all be true, while Christianity invites everyone to come to Jesus.

“There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, ‘Thy will be done,’ and those to whom God says, in the end, ‘Thy will be done.’ All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell.”
 — C. S. Lewis

Reflect: Does this quotation make hell sound like punishment, self-choice, protection, or some combination? Explain your reading.

HOW TO EVALUATE AN EXCLUSIVE CLAIM

When someone says one path is true, ask: **What exactly is claimed?** What evidence supports it? Which assumptions are being made? What would count against it? The videos appeal to Scripture, history, human longings, the problem of evil, and the character of God. These are starting points for thought, not permission to stop asking questions.

Claim →	Context →	Evidence →	Test →	Respond
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WORDS TO KNOW

exclusivity · salvation · sin · incarnation · atonement · resurrection · mercy · justice · grace · gospel

QUICK CHECK

Complete this fairly: “The videos say Christianity is distinctive because _____. One piece of evidence they use is _____. A question I would still investigate is _____.”

VIDEO SOURCES

These are Christian apologetic presentations. State their case accurately before evaluating it, and do not describe another tradition using a stereotype. Compare primary texts and credible scholars where the claim matters. Credit both videos when using their ideas.

Video 1 · Wes Huff Explains What Separates Christianity From Other Religions
 Video 2 · Wes Huff Explains Christianity VS Other Religions
 Bonus · Do Non-Christians get into Heaven? Wes Huff Bible Expert EXPLAINS