Confident Conversations

# 3: Jesus the only way

## Discussion questions

1. What do you think the average person from our town would say about Jesus?

*For info: responses from Youth Alpha video:*

*Sandals and a beard, Jewish, A god made by humans to make people feel better, Son of Mary, Son of God, Over exaggerated guy, Myth, A normal person who stood out of the crowd, Something to do with Christmas, Easter and Hannukah?, I have no idea, Someone who told a lot of stories with good intentions, An extraordinary man, A miracle worker, A great teacher, A cool guy.*

1. Those who believe in a god / gods / God sometimes say that all religions lead to God. What is your response to this?
2. Do people in the group know why Jesus is unique amongst those who founded the other world religions? i.e. what do we believe about Jesus that no other religion believes about their founder?

*Christianity believes that Jesus was God incarnate…*

1. Does anyone in the group know of any prophecies about Jesus from the Old Testament? Most Christians believe that there are over 400 references to Jesus in the Old Testament – written hundreds of years before he was born!
2. Read Psalm 22 together this was written by David around 1000BC. Look for references that match the groups knowledge of Jesus’ story.

The point is – Old Testament writers knew who Jesus was, and that he would bear our sins.

Optionally, also / instead read Isaiah 53 for the same reason.

1. Now read what Jesus said about himself:

*Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’* (John 14:6)

1. Final readings for consideration: What did people say about him after his life?

*15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.* (PAUL - Colossians 1:15-22)

*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.’* (PETER - Acts 4:12)

1. So when we talk with our unsaved friends and family, and the Jesus topic comes up, what’s the best way to talk to them?
* Remember the ground rules
* Understand that they might have the wrong idea about Jesus and his work – not many people accept grace – it’s ‘too good to be true’
* Don’t take offence at what they say
* Listen – to them and to the Holy Spirit

Finish by praying for divine moments with our unsaved friends and family and for Spirit-led conversations that lead to genuine searching and finding Christ.

Have fun!