



## [Acts 4:10-12](#)

(10) let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. (11) This is the *"stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone."* (12) Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

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The importance of this declaration by the apostle Peter cannot be underestimated. It is supported by numerous other verses that emphasize that [Jesus Christ](#) of Nazareth and His teaching are unique. Jesus Himself adds quite a few statements of His exceptional position, among them being [Matthew 11:27](#): "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and he to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."

This assertion affirms the exclusive relationship that exists between the Father and Son, as well as the fact that all access to the Father and all [hope](#) of a relationship with the Creator of all things rests in Jesus Christ. This is because the Father has delegated all things pertaining to His purpose to the Son. In [John 17:3](#), Jesus explains that [eternal life](#) is to know [God](#), which, combined with the thought contained in [Matthew 11:27](#), shows we will never come to know the Father unless it is allowed through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus is *that* important to us in reaching our destiny. He is truly unique in everything pertaining to salvation.

As early in His ministry as [John 3:17-18](#), Jesus shows that He was thoroughly aware of how necessary He is to salvation:

For God did not send His Son into [the world](#) to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he

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has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Jesus asserts His necessity to [salvation](#) frankly in [John 14:6](#), responding to Thomas, "I am the way, the [truth](#), and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." In [John 5:12](#), the apostle John adds to the vivid reality of Jesus' exclusive place in everyone's salvation: "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

Any religion can offer salvation and rewards for a life well lived. However, only one religion, regardless of how high-minded and appealing to a person's hopes and dreams, has Jesus Christ as its Savior and centerpiece of truth. That religion is Christianity. This fact eliminates all other religions as of little value in terms of a person dedicating his life to observing their teachings. No [true church](#) will be found in them.

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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