

The Sobering Exclusiveness and Wonderful Inclusiveness of the Gospel

Acts 4:1-12



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According to the gospel of political correctness, every religion must be recognized as equally valid, and no religion should ever be condemned or labeled as a false way leading to destruction. However, various religions make contradictory claims. For example, Christianity proclaims a risen Saviour; Islam teaches that Christ never rose from the dead. These beliefs are contradictory and cannot both be true. God’s Word is truth (John 17:17), and any valid belief system must line up with God and His Word. Those who are politically correct and relativistic are quick to condemn Christianity for insisting that God has revealed absolute truth and that God has absolute rules and laws which govern man both for time and eternity. Let God be true but every man a liar (Rom. 3:4)!

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