

## Why Christianity?

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**Acts 26:25 (NIV)**

### **Why should I consider Christianity over all other religions?**

#### **1. Because Christianity \_\_\_\_\_.**

*On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. <sup>13</sup> About noon, King Agrippa, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. <sup>14</sup> We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' <sup>15</sup> Then I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' the Lord replied. <sup>16</sup> 'Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. <sup>17</sup> I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them <sup>18</sup> to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'*

**Acts 26:12-18 (NIV)**

*Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

**John 14:6 (NIV)**

#### **2. Because Christianity \_\_\_\_\_.**

*This is the promise our twelve tribes are hoping to see fulfilled as they earnestly serve God day and night. King Agrippa, it is because of this hope that these Jews are accusing me. <sup>8</sup> Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?*

**Acts 26:7-8 (NIV)**

*I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen— <sup>23</sup> that the Messiah would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would bring the message of light to his own people and to the Gentiles.*

**Acts 26:22-23 (NIV)**

*For he (God) has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.*

**Acts 17:31 (NIV)**

*I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies.*

**John 11:25 (NIV)**

#### **3. Because Christianity \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**Acts 26:22-23 (NIV)**

*As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah,"*

**Acts 17:2-3 (NIV)**

*Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.*

**Acts 17: 11 (NIV)**

*I am not insane, most excellent Festus," Paul replied. "What I am saying is true and reasonable. <sup>26</sup> The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner.*

**Acts 26:25-26 (NIV)**

#### **4. Because Christianity \_\_\_\_\_.**

*'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' the Lord replied 'Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me.'*

**Acts 26:16 (NIV)**

*God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.*

**Acts 17: 27 (NIV)**