

# Did You Know? Is Jesus Really for All People?

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The arrival of Jesus should be good news for all people, and we should share that news. But how do we do that if and when people disagree?

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## MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Every person in the world is invited to know Jesus as their Savior.
  - Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. | 1 Timothy 1, v.15
  - But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. | 1 Timothy 1, v.16
  - Jesus has vast, enormous, gigantic patience with us.
  - Jesus answered, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” | John 14, v.6
  - Many of us hold a faith which teaches that we have a moral obligation to share our faith, but we live in a culture that increasingly tells us it’s wrong to share your faith with someone who believes differently.
  - Legal Tolerance - Affirming basic first amendment rights to believe what we want to believe. Christians should gladly offer legal tolerance.
  - Social Tolerance - Accepting someone regardless of what they believe, seeking to love them, care about them, and remain open to them relationally regardless of things such as their views, ethnicity or lifestyle. Jesus modeled this, and so should we.
  - Intellectual Tolerance - Accepting what someone believes as right regardless of what you believe or think is right; or, affirming a lifestyle as good when you do not believe it is good. This is where Christians experience pressure and tension.
  - Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.” | Acts 4, vv.18-20
  - We can talk about our faith without being loud or obnoxious; we can share our faith in loving and respectful ways.
  - The good news we’ve been entrusted with truly does offer great joy for all people, and Jesus gave us the responsibility to share it.
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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you agree or disagree with these statements from a Barna Group study? Why?  
“It is wrong to share one’s beliefs with someone of a different faith in hopes that they will someday share the same faith.”  
“If someone disagrees with you, it means that they’re judging you.”
2. What challenges do you face in sharing your faith with people?
3. When it comes to sharing your faith and having conversations with others about it, what have you found to be most helpful, useful, or encouraging?