

Scriptures from You Asked For It : Religions
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Examples of Jesus breaking through exclusionary ideas about who would be part of God's Kingdom:

- Jesus - Centurion (Luke 7) - worshipped Jupiter
- Peter (Acts 10) - sheet of forbidden food
- Zacheaus (Luke 19) - Tax collector
- Rahab - (Joshua 2/6) - Prostitute and Canaanite
- John 4 - samaritan woman at the well - bad reputation and Samaritan
- Thief on cross (Luke 23) - today with me in paradise
- Good Samaritan (Luke 10) - the hero of the story IS the villain

God Alone Judges... but what does He Judge? (just a few...)

- Matthew 5 - our anger and thoughts
- Matthew 5 and 18 - what we look at
- Matthew 15:11 - The words of our mouth
- Romans 2:16 - God judges the secrets of men
- Romans 2:12 - Our ability to keep the law
- Romans 5:1 Our faith
- Hebrews 13 - our sexual morals
- John 3:16 - beliefs
- Luke 10:25 - Love god with heart/soul/mind/strength/ and our neighbor - The Ridge's Mission Statement
- Romans 10 - confession saves us
- Mark 16:16 Believe and Baptize to be saved **But look at v 16-18 - know you ARE saved if you deal with demons, tongues, snakes and poison**

So what is the answer? Did Jesus just say ANYWHERE "Here is the way to follow me?" YES!

John 14:1-6 - "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; [1] believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? [2] 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." [3] 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.