



EPISODE 1 HINTS

PITSTOP

1. What comes into your mind when you think about religion?

There isn't a right or wrong answer to this question; religion means different things to different people. Here are some words that many people associate with religion: boring, confusing, irrelevant and dangerous.

2. If God doesn't exist then why do you think so many religions exist?

The existence of religion could be a clue that points us to the fact that there is a God. Human beings all over the world do seem to be aware of something more, some kind of a greater reality.

3. How can an atheist (someone who doesn't believe in God) prove there is no God?

It's easy to say 'there's definitely no God', but it's impossible to prove. There isn't a single scientific test that could prove or disprove the existence of God.

Some of the world's greatest scientists believe in God.

FINDING DIRECTION

Bible Reading John Chapter 14 verse 1-11

1. What is revelation and why do we need it more than we need religion?

Revelation happens when something hidden is uncovered or unveiled.

When it comes to the truth about God, we need more than opinions and ideas; we need God to show us what is true. We need God's revelation more than we need someone else's religion.

2. In verse 2, Jesus reveals (unveils, uncovers) that God is his Father. List some other things Jesus reveals in these verses.

V1 By saying 'trust in God trust also in me', Jesus is putting himself on a level with God.

V2 There's plenty of room in heaven.

V6 You can't get to heaven without Jesus; there's no other way.

V9-10 Again Jesus is claiming equality with God. We could say it like this: God the Father was in heaven and God the son (Jesus) was on earth. Jesus is revealing a God beyond anyone's imagination.

3. What should Philip have known? (v9-11)

Philip had spent nearly three years with Jesus; he should have known that Jesus was someone very special. The miracles that Philip had seen should have given him enough evidence to convince him of Jesus' true identity.



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4. How can we know that Jesus was not just an ordinary man? (v11)

The many amazing miracles Jesus performed prove that he was someone special. Ordinary people don't do the things Jesus did.

5. Jesus claims in verse 6 that the only way to God (and therefore heaven) is through him. You might think that Jesus was being arrogant, but what if he was just telling the truth?

If Jesus is the only way to God then what he says in v6 is not arrogant; it's helpful! If you read through the life-story of Jesus, he comes across as gentle, selfless and kind. Arrogance isn't a word you'd really use to describe him.

6. Jesus told his disciples that he was going somewhere but where was he going and why? (v2-3)

Jesus is talking here about heaven, sometimes referred to as paradise. He is talking about heaven in terms of his Father's house, so I guess we could say that he was going home.

We don't have to guess why he was going back to heaven; he tells us. So, heaven is not only the place where his Father lives, it's also the place Jesus wants his followers to be.

7. In verse 1 Jesus says 'trust also in me'. What is trust and what reasons do we have to trust the things Jesus says here about himself, about God and about heaven?

Trust is to believe something with all your heart, it's to be so convinced that something is true that it changes the way you think, feel and live.

Jesus has given us many good reasons to trust him. His words were always consistent and never proved to be false. He was much more than talk; his actions always matched up with his words.