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# RED LETTER QUESTIONS

responding to the questions Jesus asked

# Favorite Mysteries?

- The Maltese Falcon, Dashiell Hammett
- And Then There Were None, Agatha Christie
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Mark Haddon
- Rebecca, Daphne du Maurier
- The Spy Who Came in from the Cold, John Le Carre
- The Hound of the Baskervilles, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- The Postman Always Rings Twice, James M. Cain
- The Firm, John Grisham
- The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Robert Louis Stevenson
- Eye of the Needle, Ken Follett
- The Godfather, Mario Puzo
- The Big Sleep, Raymond Chandler
- The Day of the Jackal, Frederick Forsyth
- In Cold Blood, Truman Capote
- The Silence of the Lambs, Thomas Harris
- Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil, John Berendt
- Crime and Punishment, Fyodor Dostoyevsky

*The Best Ever Mystery Novels, [prowritingaid.com](http://prowritingaid.com)*

# Mystery #1: Jesus, the Only Way?

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am."

No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way.

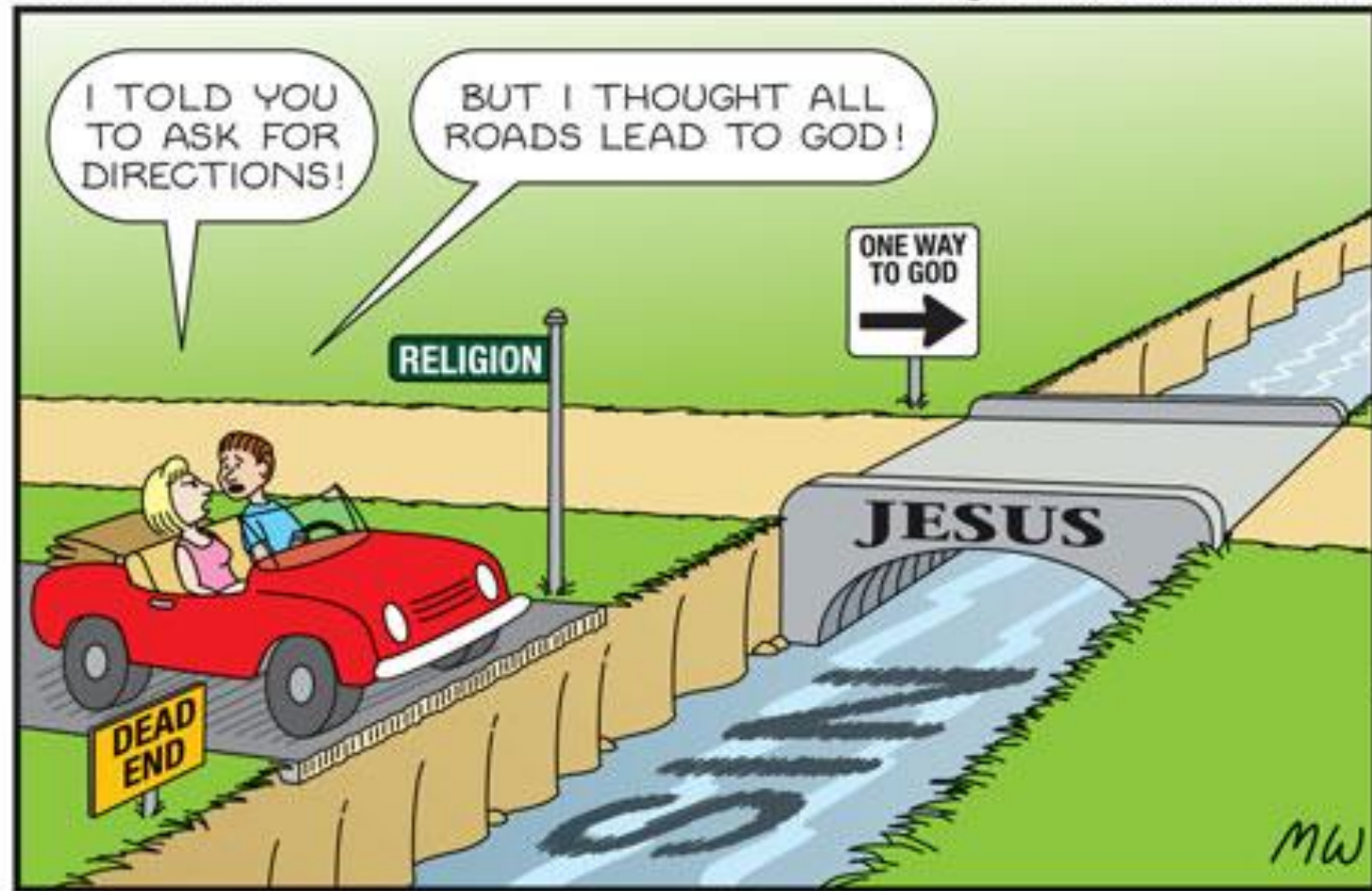
Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

John 14:1-7(NLT)



## ONE WAY

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



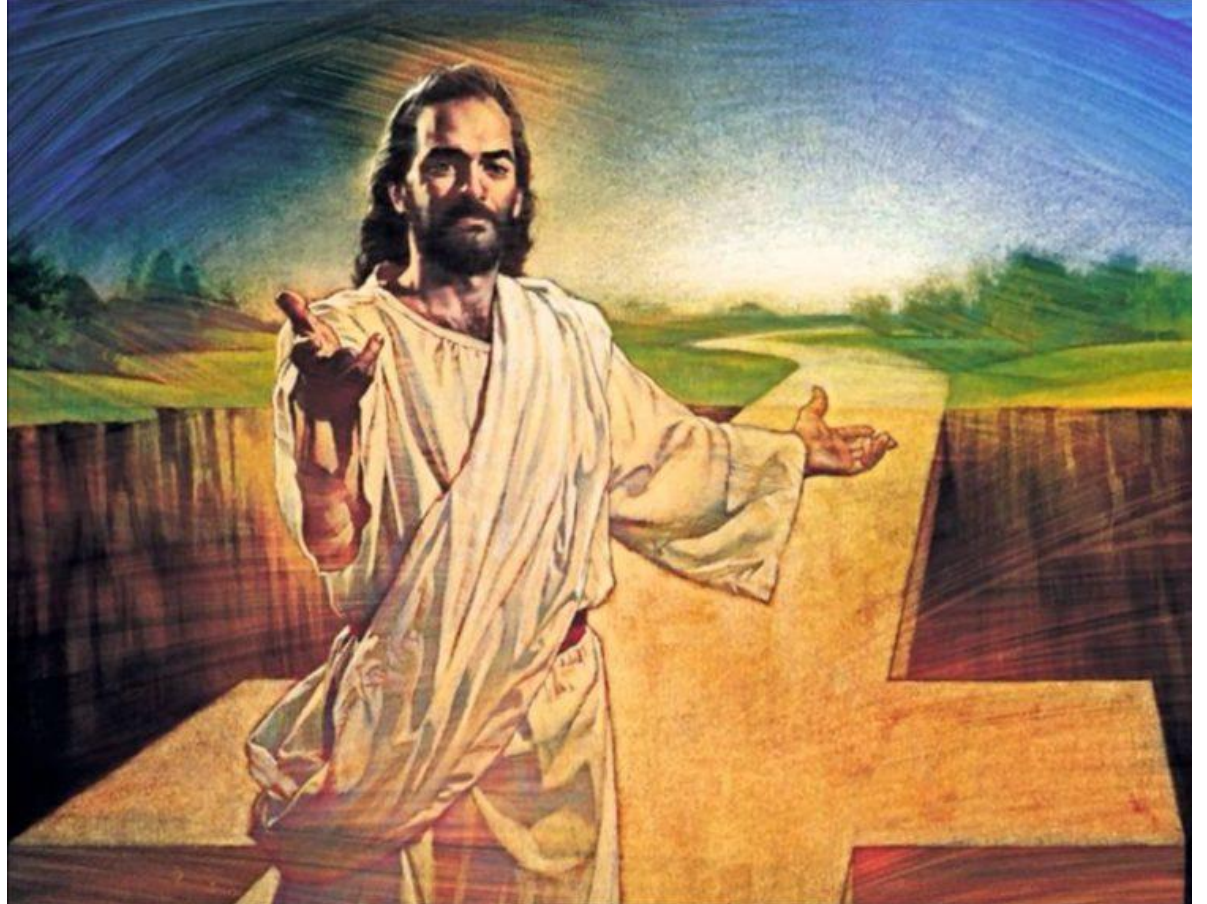
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Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." — JOHN 14:6 NIV

**Imagine that you have a friend who has never been to the place where you live. Your friend wants to come visit you and see the sights. You have three options in helping him:**

- 1) You can tell him over the phone how to find his way around the city.**
- 2) You can send him a map.**
- 3) You can say, ‘Let me show you around!’ and thereby become “the way.” You don’t just give him a path to follow. You say, ‘Stick with me. As long as you’re with me, I’ll show you the way.’**

The Swindoll Study Bible



# Mystery #2: Jesus and the Father

Philip said, "Lord show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." **Are One**

Jesus replied, "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. Just believe that I am in in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do? I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so the Son can bring glory to the Father."

John 14:8-12 (NLT)



# JESUS

## THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Colossians 2:9-10

*9,For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.*

*10,And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:*

Colossians 1:15-17

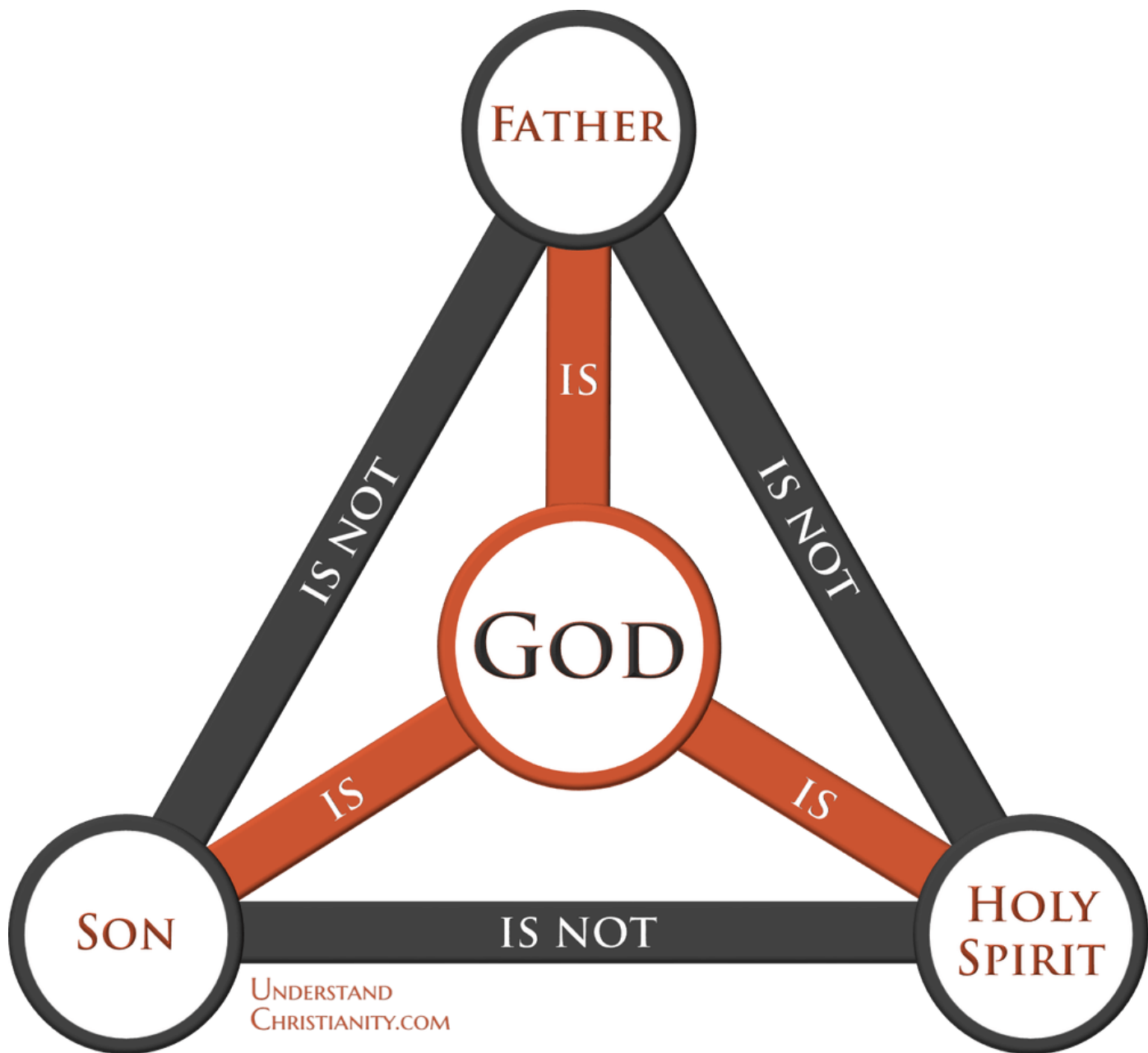
*15,Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16,For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17,And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

# Mystery #3: The Holy Spirit, Helper and Advocate

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you and later will be in you."

John 14:16-17 (NLT)





# TRINITY

GOD ETERNALLY EXISTS AS THREE PERSONS, FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT, AND EACH PERSON IS FULLY GOD, AND THERE IS ONE GOD.

**MODALISM**  
ONE PERSON WHO APPEARS IN DIFFERENT FORMS OR MODES.  
BAD ILLUSTRATIONS  
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THE TRINITY IS LIKE WATER BECAUSE IT CAN BE LIQUID, SOLID, AND STEAM WHILE REMAINING H<sub>2</sub>O.  
EACH PART IS NEVER IN THE SAME FORM AT THE SAME TIME. GOD IS ALWAYS FULLY GOD WHILE BEING THREE DISTINCT PERSONS.

**THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD**  
● IF YOU DENY THIS YOU COMMIT THE ERROR OF TRITHEISM.

**THE THREE PERSONS ARE COEQUAL & COETERNAL**  
● IF YOU DENY THIS YOU COMMIT THE ERROR OF SUBORDINATIONISM.

**TRITHEISM**  
DENIES THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD AND CLAIMS THERE ARE THREE GODS.  
BAD ILLUSTRATIONS  
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THE TRINITY IS LIKE AN EGG BECAUSE IT HAS THREE PARTS – EGG, YOLK, AND SHELL BUT IS ONE EGG.  
EACH PART IS ONLY THAT, A PART, AND CANNOT BE SAID TO BE THE ENTIRE THING.

**THE TRINITY IS LIKE THE SUN BECAUSE IT IS COMPRISED OF A BODY, LIGHT, AND HEAT YET ALL ARE THE SUN. LIGHT AND HEAT RADIATE AND ONLY EXIST BECAUSE THE BODY EXISTS.**

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**THERE ARE THREE DIVINE PERSONS**  
● IF YOU DENY THIS YOU COMMIT THE ERROR OF MODALISM.

**GOD THE FATHER IS THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF CREATION, REDEMPTION, AND CONSUMMATION, WHO PLANS, DIRECTS, AND SENDS. THE SON AND HOLY SPIRIT ARE WILLINGLY SUBORDINATE TO HIM IN ROLE EVEN WHILE EQUAL IN DEITY.**

**GOD THE SON OBEYS THE FATHER, ACCOMPLISHES REDEMPTION, AND WITH THE FATHER SENDS THE HOLY SPIRIT TO APPLY THE WORK HE HAS BEGUN. IN ALL THINGS HE GLORIFIES THE FATHER.**

**GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS TO COMPLETION THE WORK PLANNED BY THE FATHER AND BEGUN BY THE SON. IN ALL THINGS HE WORKS TO GLORIFY THE SON.**

**RESOURCES**  
THE FORGOTTEN TRINITY: FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY | JAMES WHITE, BRUCE WARE, WAYNE GRUDEM

VISUALTHEOLOGY.COM

# Trinity Math?

$$1+1+1=3?$$

*or*

$$1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1?$$

*One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy."*

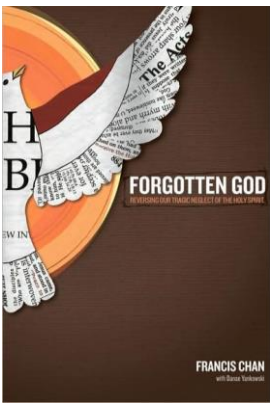
*Luke 3:21-22 (NLT)*





- ***“From my perspective, the Holy Spirit is tragically neglected and, for all practical purposes, forgotten. While no evangelical would deny His existence, I’m willing to bet there are millions of churchgoers across America who cannot confidently say they have experienced His presence or action in their lives over the past year. And many of them do not believe they can.”***
- ***“The world is not moved by love or actions that are of human creation. And the church is not empowered to live differently from any other gathering of people without the Holy Spirit. But when believers live in the power of the Spirit, the evidence in their lives is supernatural. The church cannot help but be different, and the world cannot help but notice.”***
- ***“Know that even as you seek to understand the Spirit more, He is so much more and bigger than you will ever be able to grasp. This is not an excuse to stop seeking to know Him, but don’t limit Him to what you can learn about Him. The point is not to completely understand God but to worship Him. Let the very fact that you cannot know Him fully lead you to praise Him for His infiniteness and grandeur.”***

Francis Chan, Forgotten God



# Mysterious Gifts of the Spirit?

- "But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative - that is, the Holy Spirit - he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you." John 14:26 (NLT)

- "But I will send you the Advocate - the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me." John 15:26 (NLT)

- "I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart" John 14:27 (NLT)

- "So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires..." Galatians 5:16-17a (NLT)

- "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control..."

Galatians 5:22-23a

(NLT)

A close-up photograph of two hands held palms up against a black background. The hands are illuminated from the side, highlighting the texture of the skin and the lines on the palms. The fingers are slightly spread, and the overall composition is centered and symmetrical.

*Abiding*  
*Daily:*  
*Palms Down,*  
*Palms Up*





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