How do you know your way (Christianity) is the only way?

Just once wouldn't you love for someone to simply show you the evidence that Jesus exists and is the only way? Not dancing around the truth. Not saying, "you just have to believe." Well that is what I am going to attempt to do tonight.

First consider this, if someone opposes even the possibility of they're being a God, then any evidence can be rationalized or explained away. In other words if they don't want to believe in God then they wont.

People do not believe any one walked on the moon.

There are 3 basic groups of people this question will come from, and each has to be answered with a different approach.

- 1. Those that don't believe in any god
 - a. We need talk about the amazing thing God has made. And that none of it is possible without him.
- 2. Those that believe in other gods
 - a. We need to prove that the Bible is true.
- 3. Those that believe in God, but are not convinced he is the only way.
 - a. We need to show scriptures.

1.<u>Those that don't believe in any god</u>

When you look around everything is ether made by man or God. Lets take a look

Man-buildings, cars, clothes, computers, phones

God- where do I begin

The Earth...its size is perfect. The Earth's size and corresponding gravity holds a thin layer of mostly nitrogen and oxygen gases, only extending about 50 miles above the Earth's surface. If Earth were smaller, an atmosphere would be impossible, like the planet Mercury. If Earth were larger, its atmosphere would contain free hydrogen, like Jupiter.³ Earth is the only known planet equipped with an atmosphere of the right mixture of gases to sustain plant, animal and human life.

The Earth is located the right distance from the sun. Consider the temperature swings we encounter, roughly -30 degrees to +120 degrees. If the Earth were any further away from the sun, we would all freeze. Any closer and we would burn up. Even a fractional variance in the Earth's position to the sun would make life on Earth impossible. The Earth remains this perfect distance from the sun while it rotates around the sun at a speed of nearly 67,000 mph. It is also rotating on its axis, allowing the entire surface of the Earth to be properly warmed and cooled every day. And our moon is the perfect size and distance from the Earth for its gravitational pull. The moon creates important ocean tides and movement so ocean waters do not stagnate, and yet our massive oceans are restrained from spilling over across the continents.⁴

Water...colorless, odorless and without taste, and yet no living thing can survive without it. Plants, animals and human beings consist mostly of water (about twothirds of the human body is water). You'll see why the characteristics of water are uniquely suited to life:

It has an unusually high boiling point and freezing point. Water allows us to live in an environment of fluctuating temperature changes, while keeping our bodies a steady 98.6 degrees.

Water is a universal solvent. This property of water means that thousands of chemicals, minerals and nutrients can be carried throughout our bodies and into the smallest blood vessels.⁵

Water is also chemically neutral. Without affecting the makeup of the substances it carries, water enables food, medicines and minerals to be absorbed and used by the body.

Water has a unique surface tension. Water in plants can therefore flow upward against gravity, bringing life-giving water and nutrients to the top of even the tallest trees.

Water freezes from the top down and floats, so fish can live in the winter.

Ninety-seven percent of the Earth's water is in the oceans. But on our Earth, there is a system designed which removes salt from the water and then distributes that water throughout the globe. Evaporation takes the ocean waters, leaving the salt, and forms clouds that are easily moved by the wind to disperse water over the land, for vegetation, animals and people. It is a system of purification and supply that sustains life on this planet, a system of recycled and reused water.⁶

The human brain...simultaneously processes an amazing amount of information. Your brain takes in all the colors and objects you see, the temperature around you, the pressure of your feet against the floor, the sounds around you, the dryness of your mouth, even the texture of your keyboard. Your brain holds and processes all your emotions, thoughts and memories. At the same time your brain keeps track of the ongoing functions of your body like your breathing pattern, eyelid movement, hunger and movement of the muscles in your hands.

The human brain processes more than a million messages a second.⁷ your brain weighs the importance of all this data, filtering out the relatively

unimportant. This screening function is what allows you to focus and operate effectively in your world. The brain functions differently than other organs. There is intelligence to it, the ability to reason, to produce feelings, to dream and plan, to take action, and relate to other people.

The eye...can distinguish among seven million colors. It has automatic focusing and handles an astounding 1.5 million messages -- simultaneously.⁸ Evolution focuses on mutations and changes from and within existing organisms. Yet evolution alone does not fully explain the initial source of the eye or the brain -- the start of living organisms from nonliving matter.

The universe had a start - what caused it?

How is it that we can identify laws of nature that *never* change?

Why is the universe so orderly, so reliable?

A personal story is also good to be able to share.

2. <u>Those that believe in other gods, or don't believe in</u> Jesus as the Messiah. (Mormons, Muslims, Hindus, etc.)</u> The first thing most other religions will do is tried to disprove. Or they will say it cant e trusted as the whole word of God because man wrote it. Well let's look in to that thought.

The *noun* prophecy describes a "prediction of the future, made under divine inspiration" or a "revelation of God." The act of *making* a prophecy is the *verb*, prophesy. Of the prophecies written in the Bible about events that were to have taken place by now, every one was fulfilled with 100% accuracy. This is a statement that cannot be truthfully made about any other "sacred writing." This is important because the Bible says John3: 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. If the prophecies are 100% accurate, we know it is going to happen.

Old Testament Scriptures That Describe The Coming Messiah

The Messianic Prophecy (paraphrased) Where the prophecy appears in the Old Testament (written between 1450 BC and 430BC) Jesus' fulfillment of the prophecy in the New Testament (written between 45 and 95 AD)

The Messiah will be raised from the dead (resurrected) Psalm 16:10,11

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. **11** Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Acts 1:3 and 2:32

3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

The Messiah crucifixion experience Psalm 22 (contains 11 prophecies—not all listed here) Matthew 27:34-50 and John 19:17-30

The Messiah will be pierced through hands and feet Psalm 22:16 Luke 23:33 and 24:36-39;

John 19:18 and 20:19-20,24-27

The Messiah's bones will not be broken (a person's legs were usually broken after being crucified to speed up their death) Psalm 22:17 and 34:20 John 19:31-33,36

Men Will Gamble for the Messiah's clothing Psalm 22:18 Matthew 27:35;

Mark 15:24; Luke 23:34; John 19:23,24

<u>John 14:6 KJV</u>

Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, **the** truth, and **the** life: no man cometh unto **the** Father, but by me.

Ephesians 4:5 KJV

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

John 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 8:32 KJV

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Conclusion

There is an answer for every person that really wants to know the truth. It doesn't mater what they believe they just have to be willing to accept it.