

CHRIST CHURCH, VIRGINIA WATER SUNDAY 20TH JUNE 2010

SERMON NOTES: 8.00 & 9.30 AM SERVICES

Title: "Acts 4:1-22: No Other Name"

Preacher: Ro Mody

The Big Current Issue: The Relationship between Christianity and Other Faiths

The Key Question: What is the Difference between Jesus Christ and Other Religious Figures?

1. JESUS CHRIST IS THE UNIVERSAL SAVIOUR

Acts 4:10 **then know this, you and all the people of Israel:** It is by **the name of Jesus** Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed [saved]. 11 He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone." 12 *The* salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name **under heaven** given to men by which **we** must be saved."

Acts 10:43 All the prophets testify about him that **everyone who believes in him** receives forgiveness of sins through **his name**." (cf. Acts 2:21; 38f; Acts 3:16)

2. JESUS CHRIST IS THE UNIQUE SAVIOUR

Acts 4:12 *The* salvation is found in no-one else [and the salvation is not in no-one else], for there is **no other [different] name** under heaven given to men by which **we must be saved**."

Jesus "is the one and only Christ, or He is not God's Son at all. He is the one and only Saviour or He is no Saviour at all. The exclusive claim is not a footnote to the Gospel; it is the Gospel itself" –Ted Peters

"The Christian faith claims for itself that it is the only form of faith for men. By its own claim to truth, it casts the shadow of imperfect truth on every other system. This Christian claim is naturally offensive to modern man, brought by in the atmosphere of relativism, in which tolerance is regarded as almost the highest of virtues. But we must not suppose that this claim to universal validity is something that can be quietly removed from the Gospel without changing it into something entirely different from what it is." – Bishop Stephen Neil