

# POINTS TO PONDER

...a sermon resource

**Title:** WWJP...about 'One Way to God' in our politically-correct culture?  
**Series:** What Would Jesus Preach (WWJP)?  
**Text:** John 14:6; Acts 17:16-34  
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**One trend, one day, one growing sentiment and a popular solution...**

- Trend:
- Day:
- Sentiment:
- Popular Solution:

**“WWJP Today” is a loaded question often made with these assumptions:**

1. Christianity was formed in a very different environment...
2. If Jesus and His disciples lived in our day they would have...

**Jesus and His Disciples lived in a pluralistic and religiously diverse culture**

- Examples:
- Their message would be consistent in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries:

**One WAY – One MAN – to GOD!**

**WWCtsP? HWCtsP?**

- **Acts 17:16-18: Marketplace Minglers**  
(Athens; Idols; Babblers)
- **Acts 17:18-21: Message Clarity Brings Interest**  
(Jesus and the resurrection; Areopagus; strange ideas)
- **Acts 17:22-23: Humility not Superiority**  
(I see...you are very religious; altar inscription)
- **Acts 17:23-26: Humility Doesn't Sacrifice Truth**  
(The God; The Lord of heaven and earth)
- **Acts 17:27-30: Common Ground All Men Share Under God's Law**  
(Some of your own poets...; Ignorance; Commands all...to repent)
- **Acts 17:31: The Gospel Is Not Like Any Other Religion**  
(The Man; Appointed; given proof...raising Him from the dead)

**To do the job Paul did in his day, we need to recognize the following for our own day:**

- The message of Christianity is not the same as other religions. Consider...
- Our culture's truth claim about religion might be summed up in Saxe's poem...
- Our culture's "a la carte" religion avoids anything...
- The Gospel doesn't present a way to God, but presents God's way to us...
- Have you "*changed your course to steer your life*" in view of the Light of the World?"

**Acts 17:32-34: Beyond Numbers...its about compelling joy.**

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