

## **Encountering Jesus**

Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me." Does this sound narrow-minded? We should not dismiss it for that reason.

**First**, a compass is narrow-minded – it always points to the magnetic north. Airmen and sailors don't see that as a bad thing. On the contrary, they are glad that the compass is not broadminded.

**Second**, mathematics is also very narrow-minded. The sum of two plus two is four – never three-and-a-half.

**Third**, geometry is narrow-minded. It says that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points. But who would say that is an arrogant or intolerant statement?

**Fourth**, Jesus showed that spiritual issues are equally certain and recognisable. He readily convinces us of the reality of who he is – God's true Messiah. Early in his relationship with his first disciples he convinced them of this, even though they didn't have all the evidence we have today. Is it narrow-minded to believe the truth?

Of course not. And Jesus said,

**"If any of you really determines to do God's will, then you will certainly know whether my teaching is from God or is merely my own." John 7.17 (Living Bible).**

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