

## **“Fatal Flaws of Harvesting”**

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**Fatal Flaw 1: Arrogantly think you are better than those without Christ rather than recognize you are a sinner saved by grace. (Luke 5:29-31; Matthew 23:23-28)**

**Fatal Flaw 2: View nonbelievers as “projects” rather than people to be loved and valued. (I Corinthians 13:1-3; I Peter 4:8)**

**Fatal Flaw 3: “Water down” the Gospel so it won’t be offensive rather than boldly proclaiming it. (Romans 1:16)**

**Fatal Flaw 4: Falsely think it is your job to make people believe and repent rather than recognize it as God’s role. (John 6:44-45, 16:8)**

“Is belief in Jesus Christ the *one and only* way to find salvation?

Jesus’ answer is clear from this passage [John 14:6]. Many Christians have been accused of being narrow-minded (sometimes with good reason!); but when it comes to the claim that Jesus is the only way to God, Christians are narrow-minded because *Jesus* is. And every seeker must reckon with Jesus’ claim. As British theologian and writer C.S. Lewis once pointed out, if Jesus isn’t a liar or a lunatic, then he must be *Lord*.

From the air an airport runway looks ‘narrow.’ A pilot who insists on landing there may well be considered narrow-minded. But a runway is the only safe place for a jet to land. Say, for example, that a well-intentioned passenger recommends that the pilot land on a local expressway instead of the runway. It looks safe, after all, and would be much more convenient than circling the city waiting for the runway to clear. The pilot, resisting the appeals of the uninformed passenger who proposes an unsafe alternative, will be credited with courage for saving the life of every passenger—even the one who complained about the inconvenience of it all.

Jesus is like that pilot, trying to tell us that it’s not safe to put down anywhere else. He’s not limiting our options—he’s protecting us from a crash.”

*The Journey: A Bible for the Spiritually Curious*, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1996, p. 1407.