Only Jesus!

The series of disasters that fell on Egypt were designed to demonstrate that the Egyptian gods were helpless and that Yahweh alone is all-powerful (Exodus 12:12). The claim that all religions are fundamentally the same is based either on ignorance, or on arrogance, or on both. Jesus Christ is unique among the gods.

**1. No other god is a *genuine Creator***

Isaiah 42:5; 44:24; 45:12, 18; John 1:1-3

**2. No other god has a *goal for history***

Isaiah 46:9-10; Ephesians 1:9-10

**3. No other god provides a *basis for morality***

Isaiah 45:21; Psalm 5:4-6; 11:7

**4. No other god became *permanently human***

Isaiah 9:6-7; John 1:14

**5. No other god willingly died to *save his enemies***

Isaiah 43:10-13; 53:4-6; Romans 5:6-10

**6. No other god satisfies our *deepest longings***

Jeremiah 2:11-13; John 7:37-39

**For additional study or family discussion**

1. What did the Lord say to you today through His word? Did you learn some new truth about God or yourself? Did the Lord challenge you, convict you, or encourage you?

2. Isaiah 40-46 contains an extended comparison of Yahweh with other gods. It is a profitable exercise to read these chapters with an eye to noting the differences between Yahweh and the false gods. How does the true God distinguish Himself from all imitations?

3. We properly apply Old Testament teaching about Yahweh to the Lord Jesus Christ because the New Testament teaches us that Jesus is Yahweh. Compare the following passages.

Exodus 3:13-15 with John 8:56-59

Isaiah 6:1-10 with John 12:36-43

Isaiah 45:21-23 with Philippians 2:5-10

The Father is Yahweh; the Son is Yahweh; the Holy Spirit is Yahweh. There is one God, and His name is Yahweh. Now He prefers that we call Him Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit, for that is what we read in the New Testament.

4. A few definitions –

*Polytheism* – the worship of many gods

*Hinduism* – the religion of India; some Hindus are simple polytheists, but the more educated ones may hold that the various gods are just different manifestations of one being who includes everything else in himself: god is all, and all is god. This idea is often called *pantheism*.

*Atheism* – the insistence that there is no god. Atheism usually holds that matter and energy are all that exists. There is no life after death.

*Universalism –* people are basically good. All will be saved eventually, though there may need to be some recompense after death for our misdeeds now.

5. How do Deuteronomy 32:16-18 and 1 Corinthians 10:20 describe the false gods of the pagans?