

## Are all religions spiritual?

**Many Cultures - Many many religions**

**The Big “yes, no” answer**

**What’s their spiritual claim and do they deliver?**

**What spirituality does Jesus claim to offer and does he deliver?**

**Jesus Highly “Spiritual”**

38 times in the Gospels but almost always about God’s Spirit not ours

John 3:5-6

John 3:34

John 6:63

John 4:23-24

John 14 & 16

Matthew 28:20

Matthew 5:3

John 20:22

**Jesus in John 16:5-16 promises ...**

V5-7 You’re better off with God’s Spirit

V8-11 My Spirit will give true awareness of self and God

**Is the Spirit of God in you?**

**Jesus gladly gives God’s Spirit to those who ask - Luke 11:9-13**

**If I want God’s Spirit in me, what do I do?**

**John 16:5-16**

But now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’<sup>6</sup> Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things.<sup>7</sup> But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.<sup>8</sup> When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:<sup>9</sup> about sin, because people do not believe in me;<sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer;<sup>11</sup> and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

<sup>12</sup> “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.<sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.<sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.<sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”