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Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that ^bHis hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. The Hindu religion¹ which ascribes to the *Vedas*—particularly to the *Bhagavad-Gita*—speaks of a Babylonian and counterfeit precursor to the True coming incarnation of God named “Krishna.”² This is not to be confused with monotheism because that is absolutely opposed to Pantheistic Hinduism.³ In fact the very closest any form of Hinduism gets to monotheism (one God belief) is monism (all comes from one energy).⁴ Salvation is furthermore to be earned from the wheel of reincarnation (*samsara*) through self-disinterest (achieved in some ways with yoga—“yoking with god”),⁵ the way of devotion, and the path of mystical insight.⁶ They not only use Christian-ized terms like “salvation”, but they assimilate other gods. They have no issues taking on Jesus Christ and His language and just assume He is yet another manifested form of Vishnu.⁷ Does this sound like the Jesus of your Bible? Does He merely sound like one of the many manifestations of one of the many gods who comes to provide one of many methods to achieve a strange salvation from reincarnation?

^bJohn 12:23; 17:1

¹The name is derived from the Persian (not Indian) “designation of the Indus River”; Ravi Zacharias, ed. *The Kingdom of the Cults* (Grand Rapids: Baker House, 2003), 390.

²Acts 14:11 also speaks of popular incarnation theory in Lystra after the True Christ had departed.

³There are those who ascribe to particular gods of the many (“henotheism”); some of them pick the highest of gods (typically called “Shivaites”); Zacharias, ed. *The Kingdom of the Cults* (Grand Rapids: Baker House, 2003), 391.

⁴These monists are believers in “philosophical one-ness”; Zacharias, ed. *The Kingdom of the Cults* (Grand Rapids: Baker House), 391.

⁵At 3:50 of <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkAwQ3HqBac> [accessed 7/17/18].

⁶Zacharias, ed. *The Kingdom of the Cults* (Grand Rapids), 391.

⁷At 1:36 of <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkAwQ3HqBac> [accessed 7/17/18].