

CALL to PRAYER -

Give thanks for God's gift of His Son

Reminder - Be reading through the book of Ephesians in preparation for new series

Intro - Electronic billboard - "Jesus won \$1000!" Lottery or casino advertising a different Jesus. Halloween is this week where people dress up as something they are not. Many religions masquerade an idolatrous misrepresentation of someone they call "jesus" ...but it not Jesus. Jesus Christ is the greatest person to ever walk the earth and there is no greater question to ask than, "Who is Jesus Christ and what did He do?" There is also no greater deception than to portray and promote someone as jesus who is not the real Jesus. This has been a tactic of the Evil One from the early days of the church and it continues down to our day.

2 Corinthians 11:3-4 - A Different Jesus

- Three great monotheistic religions. (they believe in one God) Judaism, Islam, Christianity
 - Often asserted that they all believe in the same god.
 - This is not so
 - They each have very different "Gods" and descriptions of "Jesus"
 - Use the name/word "Jesus" but pour a different meaning into that name.
 - Like - marriage, man, woman, love...so too, "Jesus" has a new meaning
- The "jesus" of Judaism
 - Illegitimate son of Mary. Teacher and miracle worker
 - Claimed to be the Christ and the Son of God.
 - Executed by the Romans for his troubles.
 - His disciple stole the body away and claimed a resurrection (founded Christianity)
 - Modern description - a failed messiah who didn't fulfill the prophecies
 - Judaism rejects the Biblical Jesus
- The "jesus" of Islam (view of Jesus is a little better than Judaism)
 - Sinless virgin born from Mary (?????)
 - A prophet but not the top prophet. only a slave of Allah
 - Their "jesus" did not die on the cross. Judas died on the cross
 - Their "jesus" is NOT the Son of God (sin of shirk)
 - Message on the Dome of the Rock -
 - "O People of the Book! Do not exaggerate in your religion...the Messiah, Jesus son of Mary, was only a Messenger of God...God is only One God. Far be it...that He should have a son...It befitteth not God that He should take unto Himself a son."
- The "jesus" of Mormonism (Mormonism is not monotheistic)
 - Christianity teaches that God became man (incarnation).
 - Mormonism is opposite...man becomes god in Mormonism (many gods)
 - "As man is, god once was; and as god is, man will become."
 - Their "god the father" has flesh & bones & has many spirit children...many wives
 - Their "jesus" is the spirit- brother of Satan and had many wives.
 - The jesus of Mormonism is a very different jesus

- The “jesus” of Jehovah’s Witnesses
 - Their “jesus” is not Jehovah. Not Divine, not God...their jesus in not LORD
 - Their “jesus” is the first created being and considered “a god” but not the God.
 - An angel who divested himself of his *angel-ness* to become human.
 - Their “jesus” was not raised from the dead bodily.
- The “jesus” of corrupt (or apostate) Christianity
 - Liberal “jesus” - not God...not virgin born...only good man/teacher/example
 - Tolerant “jesus” - embraces all sin but doesn’t die for or save from sin
 - Magic Jeanie “jesus” - rub his vase just right and get what you want
 - Woke “jesus”... right wing “jesus”... social justice “jesus”... kingdom now “jesus”... transgender “jesus”
 - It seems there is a “jesus” to suit any taste and every preference.
 - *“your own personal jesus”* (song by Depeche Mode)
 - The real Jesus warned of this deception. Matt. 24:5 2 Cor. 11:3-4
- Who is the real Jesus?
 - Matt. 16:13-14 - various theories about Jesus abounded in His day. Just like today
 - Matt. 16:15-17
 - The truth about the real Jesus can only be revealed by the real God. Matt. 11:27
- Jesus is the CHRIST
 - Christ = anointed One chosen One Only One
 - Unique Person that God set apart.
 - The promised Messiah who fulfilled all the prophecies
 - There is no one like Jesus and no one could be the Christ except Jesus
- Jesus is the ETERNAL SON OF GOD
 - John 17:5 Matt. 3:17 Matt. 17:5 John 10:30-33, 36 Luke 22:70
 - 1 John 2:22-23
 - It is anti-christ who denies Father and Son and that The Son is Christ
 - John 5:23 – religions who don’t honor the Son don’t honor the true & living God
 - John 15:23 (John 8:42)
- Jesus is GOD WHO BECAME FLESH
 - John 1:1,14 1 Tim. 3:16 Matt. 1:23
 - 1 John 4:1-3 2 John 7
 - Judaism, Islam, Cultic Christianity, Apostate Christianity are promoting the spirit of anti-christ when they deny that God became flesh.
- Jesus is THE ONLY SAVIOR OF SINNERS
 - The God-Man Jesus is the only One who mediate between God & man 1 Tim. 2:5
 - John 14:6 (many wrong ways but Jesus is the only way) Act 4:12
 - Sinless Substitute for sinners in life and death. 2 Cor. 5:21
 - 1 John 5:11-12
- Jesus is LORD
 - Jesus is Lord of life and Lord of death Rev. 1:18
 - Jesus is God and rules over the kings of the earth – Rev. 1:5 Rev. 19:16
 - Phil. 2:10-11
 - Beware of “the billboards” and believe in the genuine Jesus. Rom. 10:9