

**Counterfeit Sermon Series**  
**Part #4 – Muhammad and Islam**

**Matthew 24:4-14**

**Matthew 24:4** – Watch out that no one deceives you...

**Series Summary**

Are there many ways to heaven? Do all religions lead to the same place? This sermon series will begin on Easter Sunday and it will examine the different counterfeit religions that claim to give you power to overcome death and live for eternity. We will begin this series by examining the one authentic way as we strive to follow the one authentic Savior.

**Big Idea – One God, One Savior, One Way**

**Main Passage**

**Matthew 24:4-14** – <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>5</sup>For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. <sup>6</sup>You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. <sup>7</sup>Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup>All these are the beginning of birth pains. <sup>9</sup>Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. <sup>10</sup>At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, <sup>11</sup>and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. <sup>12</sup>Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, <sup>13</sup>but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup>And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

O you who believe! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger (Muhammad) and those of you (Muslims) who are in authority. (Surah 4:59, The Quran)

**Fast Facts on Islam**

- The founder of Islam is Muhammad in 612 A.D.
- Islam teaches that Allah is the one and only deity in all existence (Qur'an 5:73; 112:1-4).
- The word "Islam" literally means submission.
- The word "Muslim" means "one who submits to Allah."
- The holy book of Islam is the Quran.
- Islam makes up 20% of the world's population.
- There are 1.5 billion Muslims today.
- There are 1.4 million Muslims in the United States (6% of adult population)
- Since 1994, in Europe, Islam has grown 142% (usiislam.org)

**Three False Teachings of Islam**

**False Teaching #1 – God is Unknowable and Impersonal**

Nature of God	Christianity	Islam
Personal vs. Impersonal	God desires a relationship with you. (Gal. 3:26, Mt. 1:23)	Allah requires obedience to five pillars not a relationship. (Surah 2:277)
Changing vs. Unchanging	God does not change (Malachi 3:6)	Allah changes. (Surah 2:106)
Truthful vs. Deceptive	God cannot lie (Titus 1:2)	Allah is deceptive (Surah 8:30)

- "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the apostle of Allah." (Muslim Confession)
- "And cry not unto any other god along with Allah. There is no god save Him." (Surah 28:88, The Quran)
- I command by Allah to go and fight all the people of the world until they confess there is no God but Allah, and I am his messenger , and to pray five times a day and to give alms. And if they do that, their blood will be spared from me. (The Hadith, Muhammad)
- **Romans 5:8** – But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- **Galatians 3:26** – You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus...
- **Matthew 1:22-23** – <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

**False Teaching #2 – Jesus was a Prophet not a Savior**

Nature of Jesus	Christianity	Islam
Divine vs. Manmade	Son of God	Just a Man (Surah 18:4-5)
Savior vs. Prophet	Savior of Mankind	Just a prophet of Allah (Surah 4:171)

- "O People of the Book! Commit no excesses in your religion: Nor say of Allah aught but the truth. Christ Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) an apostle of Allah, and His Word, which He bestowed on Mary, and a spirit proceeding from Him: so believe in Allah and His apostles... for Allah is one Allah. Glory be to Him: (far exalted is He) above having a son..." (Surah 4:171, The Quran)
- **Matthew 1:21** – <sup>21</sup>She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."
- **Romans 5:6-10** – <sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup>For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

**False Teaching #3 – Salvation is based on Scales not Grace**

Salvation	Christianity	Islam
Grace vs. Works	Salvation is based the grace of God as you place your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (Eph. 2:4-9)	Allah requires obedience to five pillars not a relationship. (Surah 2:277)
Assurance vs. Questionable	Christians are certain of their salvation because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that paid the penalty for their sin. (John 11:25-26)	Muslims can never be certain of their salvation unless they take part in a jihad. (Surah 3:157)

## Five Pillars (Works) of the Islamic Faith

**Pillar #1 – Belief in Allah**

**Pillar #2 – Belief in Angels & Jinn**

**Pillar #3 – Belief in the Qur'an**

**Pillar #4 – Belief in Allah's Prophets**

**Pillar #5 – Belief in a Resurrection and Judgment**

- Jihad is fighting anybody who stands in the way of spreading Islam. Or fighting anyone who refuses to enter into Islam. (Surah 8:39, The Qur'an)
- For them (who fight jihad) Allah has got ready Gardens (Paradise) under which rivers flow, to dwell therein forever. That is the supreme success. (Surah 9:89, The Quran)
- He that chooses a religion over Islam, it will not be accepted from him and in the world to come he will be of the lost. (Surah 3:85, The Quran)
- **Ephesians 2:4-9** – <sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- <sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast.
- **John 11:25-26** – <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; <sup>26</sup>and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

### Memory Verse

**Matthew 24:5** – For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

### Application

**Counterfeit Challenge** –Throughout this series, take advantage of the free booklets that are offered and study through them to strengthen your faith and determine the authenticity of Jesus Christ as the one and only Savior of the World!

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