



ONE WAY TO GOD:
Jesus

EASTER
AT MERCY CULTURE

There is only one way to God
and it's through Jesus - **but in
Jesus, there are many ways
to connect with God.**

"See that no one leads you astray."

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Matthew 24:1-14

Overview

- Matthew, writing around **AD 60 to 70**.
- **“The Olivet Discourse”** – a warning about deception and salvation of the last days.
- **Matthew shows us Jesus as King**, and in this moment, Jesus is preparing His people to endure, to discern, and to be saved.

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Setting:

This moment takes place when Rome ruled the world, culture was unstable, and deception was rising. This is the FINAL WEEK leading to the cross. Jesus leaves the temple and begins to walk away.

Location:

The Mount of Olives, overlooking the temple.

!!! Warnings

- Matthew 24:4 “See that no one leads you astray.”
- Matthew 24:5 “For many will come in my name...”
- “Before Jesus talks about wars... He talks about deception.”
- “The greatest danger is not what’s happening around you it’s what’s happening within you.”

SALVATION

“Good People Don’t Go To Heaven. Saved People Go To Heaven!”

sal·va·tion

/sal'vāSHən/

God rescuing man from sin, judgment, and separation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, restoring us into relationship with Him.

[Salvation is a major theme in Scripture. Nearly 300 reference because the entire Bible is the story of God saving humanity.]

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Yesh-oo-Ah “salvation / deliverance”

Exodus 14:13–14

“Salvation Is God Rescuing You!”

- Salvation is not you reaching God. it is God reaching you
- It is not behavior modification. it is divine intervention
- It is not earned. it is freely given

So-Tay-Ree-Ah “salvation”

Luke 15:20–24

“Salvation Is Complete Rescue And Restoration!”

- Salvation is not just getting out of hell
- It is being brought back into relationship with God
- It is not temporary. it is eternal

So-Zo “to save”

Mark 5:25–34

“Jesus Doesn’t Just Save You Later—He Changes You Now!”



Process of Salvation

1. Justification “Not Guilty”

When The Guilty Are Made right, righteous, Justified!

2. Regeneration “New Creation”

Being Made New! A New creation made in the Character of Christ.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation...”

2 Corinthians 5:17

3. Sanctification “Christ Like”

“...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,”

Philippians 2:12

Salvation is God rescuing you,
restoring you, & **transforming**
you through Jesus.



JESUS: THE ONLY WAY TO GOD

"And there is salvation in no one else..."

Acts 4:12

"...unless you repent..."

Luke 13:3

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

"...the gate is narrow..."

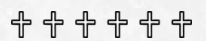
Matthew 7:13–14

"...it is the gift of God..."

Ephesians 2:8–9

"...you will be saved."

Romans 10:9



- Salvation is ONLY found in **one name**
- Salvation is ONLY through **Jesus**
- Salvation cannot be earned, it is **a gift from God**
- Salvation requires **turning from sin**
- Salvation requires **FAITH in Jesus**



FALSE JESUS TODAY

"For many will come in my name..."

Matthew 24:5

"...another Jesus..."

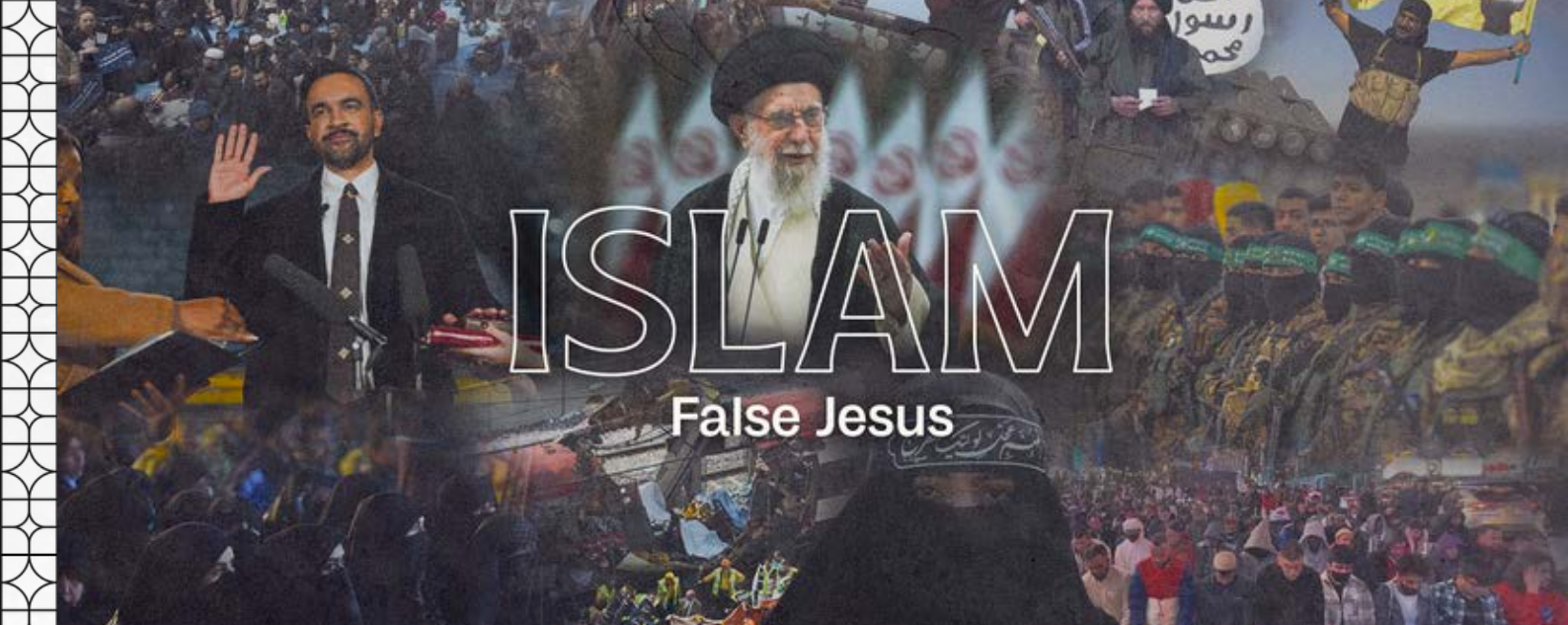
2 Corinthians 11:4

!!! Warning

**Many People Have Falsely
Claimed To BE Jesus!**

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- **Jim Jones (1931–1978)**
- **David Koresh (1959–1993)**
- **Sun Myung Moon (1920–2012)**
- **José Luis de Jesús Miranda (1946–2013)**



ISLAM

False Jesus

A JESUS WITHOUT THE CROSS

Islam believes:

- Jesus is a prophet
- Jesus is not the Son of God
- Jesus was not crucified
- Jesus was not resurrected
- Jesus is not what the Bible says
- Jesus is not the Savior

Genesis 17:19; Galatians 4:28

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Islam claims its roots through Abraham's son Ishmael, but the Bible is clear that God's covenant and promise came through Isaac.

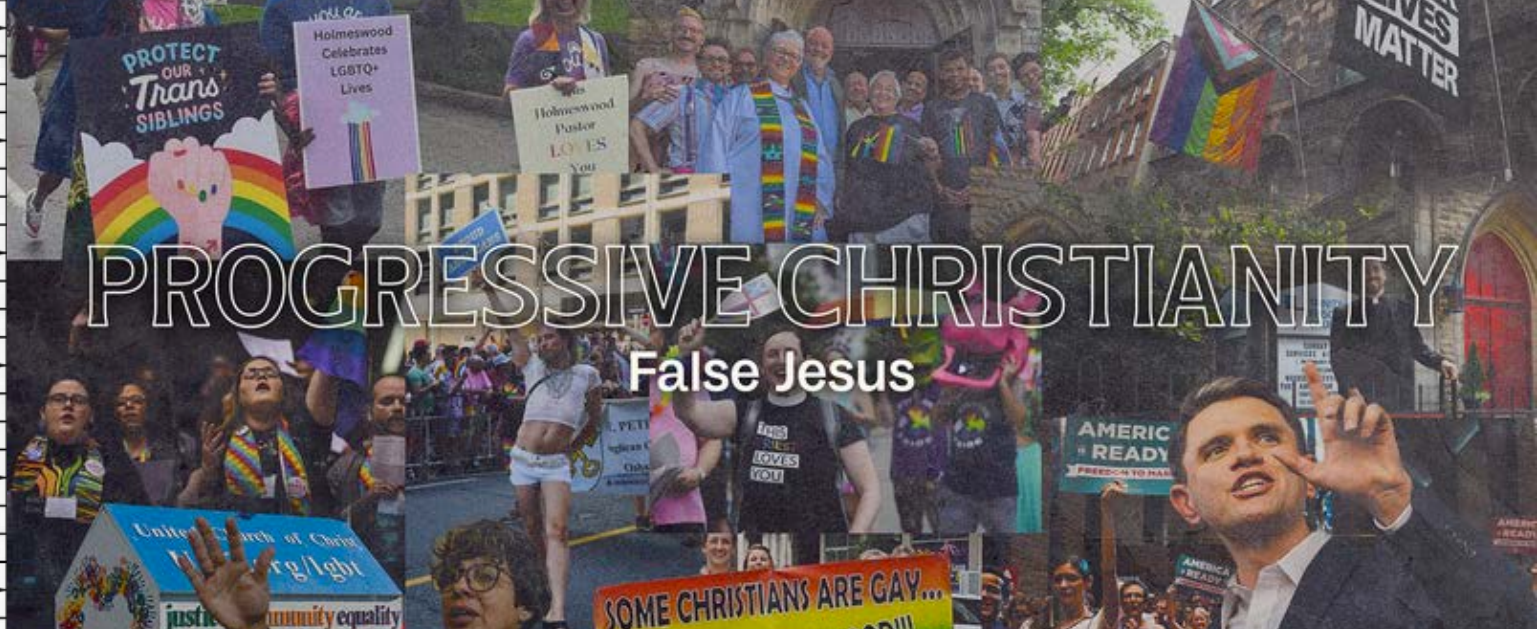
Ishmael was blessed, but the promise, the covenant, and the line of salvation came through Isaac.

Jesus came through the line of Isaac. Muhammad came through the line of Ishmael.

In Islam, you die for God...

In Christianity, God died for you.

If Jesus did not die for your sin and rise again, He cannot save you, because only the real Jesus conquered sin and death.



A JESUS WITHOUT REPENTANCE

Progressive Christianity believes:

- Love without repentance
- Grace without truth
- Acceptance without transformation
- Jesus affirms but does not transform
- Jesus does not require repentance
- Jesus is redefined by culture
- Jesus is not the only way to God

1 John 3:7-10

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The Progressive Gospel Is A False Gospel THAT Removes Repentance And Redefines Truth!

We can't affirm what God's Word doesn't affirm.

The Progressive Gospel Replaces '**God Is Love**' with '**Love Is God!**'

If Jesus does not call you to turn from sin, He cannot save you, because the real Jesus came to destroy sin, not affirm it.



GOVERNMENT AS GOD

The Spirit of the Age believes:

- Government defines morality
- Culture determines truth
- Government systems replace dependence on God
- Truth is not defined by God
- Authority is not rooted in God
- Dependence shifts from God to systems

Romans 1:25; Romans 1:28; Psalm 33:12

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A Spirit Of The Age Is When Jesus Is Replaced With Government!

It is a message that claims to fix humanity... but cannot save humanity!

It's not political...
it's spiritual.

When you remove God from a nation, something will replace Him.

SUMMARY

Islam → “A Jesus without the cross”

Progressive Christianity → “A Jesus without repentance”

Spirit Of The Age → “Government instead of God”

CHRISTIANS MUST ENDURE

“But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

Matthew 24:13

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ὑπομένω (hypomenō)

- To remain under pressure
- To stay, abide, not flee
- To persevere through suffering

One who endures is someone who remains faithful to Jesus, stays true to His Word, and does not fall away.

Jesus is warning His followers, in the middle of deception, endure! Choose the real Jesus.

There is only one way to God and it's through Jesus - but in Jesus, there are many ways to connect with God.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

What do I believe about Jesus?

Can I recognize a false Jesus?

Am I enduring or being led astray?

What is God showing me?

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PRAYER *of* ENCOUNTERS

This is where I tell You...

I love You, I love You, I love You!

This is where I tell You...

You're Holy, You're Holy, You're Holy!

This is where I tell You...

Thank You, thank You, thank You!

This is where I tell You...

I need You, I need You, I need You!

This is where I tell You...

Speak Lord, Your servant is listening!