

Sunday Morning | September 11, 2016



"THE CROSS AND THE CRESCENT"

MATTHEW 24:3-14

TROUBLING TRUTH: The 9/11 terrorists didn't just happen to be Islamic; it's because they're Islamic that they attacked America.

I. JESUS WARNED ABOUT ISLAM.

1. Islam is a false religion (Matthew 24:11).

INSIGHT: The last days will be marked by tearing down truth and exalting error (Matthew 24:11).

REALITY: The Christian faith was changing lives and the world 600 years before Islam.

INSIGHT: Mohammed claimed to be a prophet called by God to restore the true faith, but he is a false prophet.

TRUTH: The angel's message to Mohammed denies the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ (Galatians 1:8).

TRUTH: The Bible declares that Islam is a false religion launched to deceive souls to hell.

2. Islam has spread primarily by violence and intimidation.

TRUTH: Mohammed advanced Islam through violent force and the sword.

INSIGHT: "Islam" means "submission to God," and conquered people either converted to Islam or were beheaded or sold into slavery.

TRUTH: Both Mohammed and Joseph Smith had an encounter, not with an angel from heaven but the fallen angel, Lucifer.

II. THE FIVE BASIC BELIEFS OF ISLAM

1. God is one, and there is no other God but Allah.
2. The Qur'an alone is trustworthy as the literal word of Allah.
3. The greatest sin is "shirk" or worshipping anyone but Allah.

4. The four highest ranking prophets were given books of revelation: Moses, David, Jesus, and Mohammed.
5. Allah has declared a day of judgment when all will be judged and rewarded with Paradise only if their good deeds outweigh their bad.

III. WHERE ISLAM CORRUPTS TRUTH

1. The nature of the true God
2. The origin of the prophet Jesus
3. The path of salvation

TRUTH: Jesus was the fulfillment of the sacrificial system for salvation.

TRUTH: The Christian message is that we are not saved by what we do but by what was done for us.

IV. REACHING MUSLIMS

1. You matter to God.
2. He wants a personal relationship with you, not based on what you do but what He has done for you in Christ.
3. He has made the first move toward you, and He waits for you to step toward Him.