

Another Jesus?

Beware of the Counterfeit Christ

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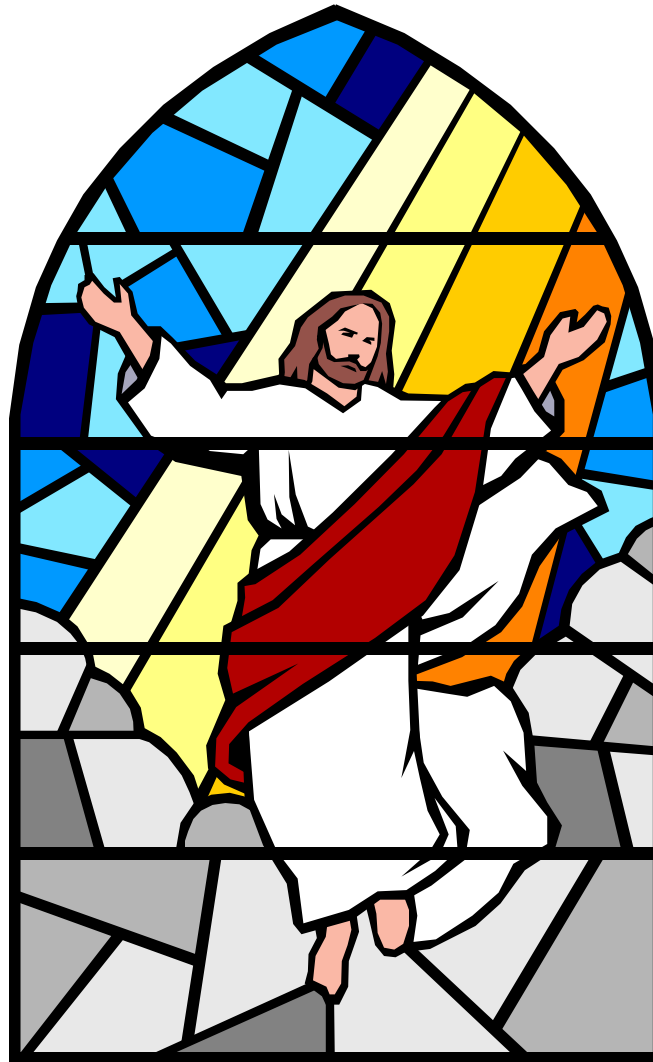
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Opening Scripture

2 Corinthians 11:4

- “For if a man comes and preaches **another Jesus** than the One we preached, ... you tolerate all that well enough!” Amplified
- “It seems that if someone show up preaching **quite another Jesus** than we preached - ... you put up with him quite nicely.” The Message
- “For if someone comes to you and preaches a **Jesus other than the Jesus we preached**, ... you put up with it easily enough.” NIV

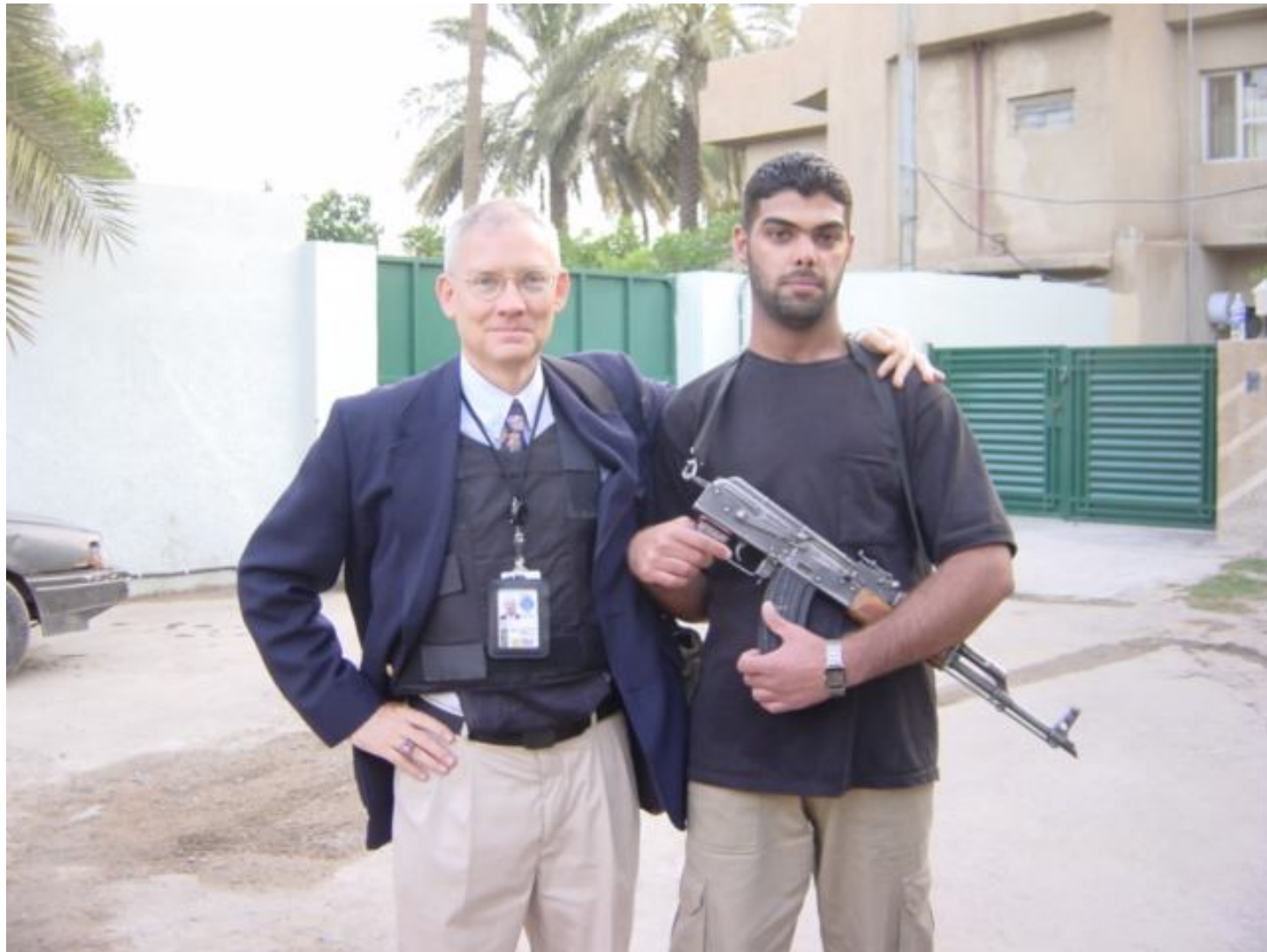
Opening Prayer



What is "Another?"

Have you ever purchased bought "another?" A Fake or counterfeit product?

- DVD
- "IZOD" or "Polo" shirt
- "Rolex"
- Shang Hai disposable hypodermic needle
- Counterfeit body guard?



A counterfeit bodyguard could cost you your life

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Why Should We Be Concerned About Counterfeit Products?

- Counterfeiting is stealing
- Counterfeiting can cost you money or waste your time
- Fake products may not last long
- They may cause injury or death
- ***A Counterfeit Jesus could cost you your soul***

What is *Another* Jesus?

(Jesus warned) “false Christs ...will appear ...
to deceive the elect – if that were possible.”

Mark 13:22

- False - not genuine, counterfeit, an Imposter, *designed to deceive!*
- Pretends to be the real thing, but he is not!

What is *Another* Jesus?

- Blocks us from seeing the “real” Jesus, either in full or in part. Gives us “blind spots.”
- Deceives us so that we do not realize the need for the real Jesus to deal with sin in our lives.
- Holds us at arm’s length from the true Jesus; keeps us from fully surrendering to Him.

Who is the “Real Jesus?”

- We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all. Is. 53:6
- If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Ro. 10:9
- Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

Who is the “Real Jesus?”

- (Jesus answered) “unless you repent, you too will all perish.” Luke 13:3
- (Jesus said) “Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” John 5:14
- (Jesus said) “Be perfect...” Matt. 5:48
- ...“repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations.” Luke 24:47

Who is the “Real Jesus?”

- (Jesus said) “anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:27
- (Jesus said) “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor... Then come, follow me.” Mark 10:21
- (when a disciple asked if he could go bury his father Jesus said) “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the Kingdom of God.” Luke 9:60

Who is the “Real Jesus?”

- (on another occasion) many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" John 6:60
- **The REAL JESUS asks us to die to our old life and “follow Him”**

The Real Jesus is found by the narrow road

We dare not try to walk on two roads at the same time:

- **“No one can serve two masters.** Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other...”
Matt 6:24

The Real Jesus is found by the narrow road

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

Matt. 7:13-14

More warnings about counterfeit

- Prophets - 2 Chron. 18:8; Isaiah 9:15; Jeremiah 14:13; Acts 13:3
- Teachers – 1 Tim 1:3; 2 Peter 2:1
- Brothers – Gal 2:4
- Doctrines – 1 Tim 6:3
- Visions – Jeremiah 14:14; Lamentations 2:14
- Miracles, signs, wonders – 2 Thes 2:19
- Antichrists – 1 John 2:18

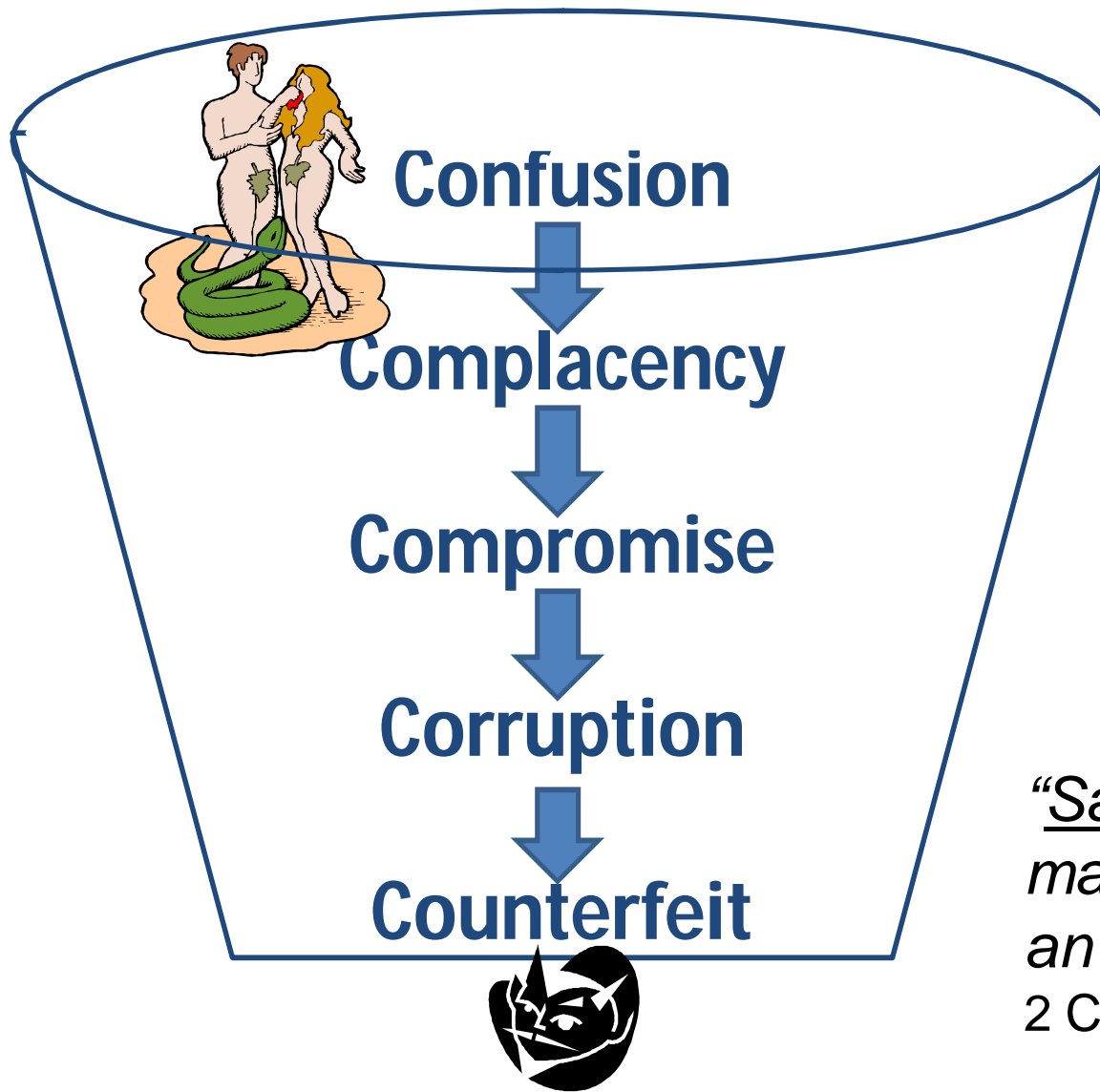
How the counterfeit gets in

“But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.” 2 Cor 11:3-4

How the counterfeit gets in

- It is a spirit (a devil spirit)
- We let it in – accepting a Jesus that is less than or not the “true Biblical Jesus.”
 - 5 attributes of the Real Jesus
- Not properly taught, or, hard-sold a fake Jesus
- Taking the easy way (shortcuts)
- Or we may have inherited this spirit from our ancestors (SOF)

How the counterfeit Jesus gets in



*“The god of this age has **blinded** the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God”*

2 Cor 4:4

*“Satan himself masquerades as an **angel of light.**”*

2 Cor 11:14

Ministry Examples

- Another Jesus (bringing confusion to a young missionary who thought truth could also come from Hinduism, Scientology, Christian Science)
- Another Jesus (telling a woman to kill herself)
- Another Jesus (who lets a man live a double life addicted in sexual sin)
- Another Jesus (passed among young people looking for a spiritual experience also bringing in lust and other sexual spirits)

Ministry Examples

- Another Jesus (telling a husband he did not need to lead his family)
- Another Jesus (telling a wife she does not need to submit to her husband)
- Another Jesus (convincing a Christian man it was ok to pressure his girlfriends for sex)
- Another Jesus (telling a husband he was free to eat dedicated foods, and free to do many other “forbidden” things)

Examples

- **Some of these were set free by the power of Jesus**
- **Some are a work of salvation & sanctification in-progress**
- **A few are clearly still lost**

Risk – what is at stake

- Our usefulness
- Our very salvation

What we should do about it?

- Make it our goal to please HIM (the one TRUE JESUS) 2 Cor 5:9
- Confess and repent of everything from your past 2 Cor 12:21
- Commit 100% to **Stop** sinning, **obey** God's Word, **live** according to His commands, decrees, **be led** by His Spirit, and **Serve** THE TRUE JESUS with all of your being!

What we should do about it?

- Live in authentic Covenant relationships, vertical and horizontal
- Test yourselves, aiming for perfection, (for reference see 2 Cor 13:5+11)
- Break agreement with all “other spirits,” “false Jesus,” the devil himself, then “test for spirits”
- Have nothing to do with darkness.

What we should do about it?

- Ask Jesus to help you discern the Real Jesus from any Counterfeit Jesus that the devil wants to sell you.
- Make sure you are talking to the REAL JESUS when you pray!

Someday the **REAL JESUS** will say to the followers of *another jesus*:

Then I will tell them plainly, "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!" Matt. 7:23

- Ask the REAL JESUS to open your spiritual eyes wide!
- Pray