



Family Study Guide

Series: **NOT ANOTHER RELIGION**

Sermon 2: THE JESUS ISLAM CAN'T EXPLAIN

Why A Prophet Without A Cross Cannot Save the World

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◆ INTRODUCTION

In this message, PT continues the NOT ANOTHER RELIGION series by asking one of the most important questions every belief system must answer: What does it do with Jesus? Islam speaks respectfully of Jesus, calls Him a prophet, and says He was sent by God, but it does not worship Him as Lord, receive His cross, or proclaim His resurrection as the Gospel. This study challenges believers to know the true Gospel, defend it with clarity, reject false gospels without hatred, and surrender fully to the Jesus Islam cannot explain.

◆ KEY SCRIPTURES

- Acts 2:22–24; Acts 2:32–38; Acts 4:12; John 1:1, 14; Colossians 1:15–20; Hebrews 1:1–3, 6; Galatians 1:8; 1 Corinthians 15:3–8

◆ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. PT said, *“Islam speaks of Jesus, honors Him in certain ways, calls Him a prophet, and says He was sent by God. But Islam never places Jesus on the throne.”* Why is that not a small difference? What is missing if Jesus is respected but not worshiped as Lord?
2. Read [Acts 2:22–24](#) and [Acts 2:36](#). Peter preached Jesus as crucified, risen, and made both Lord and Christ. Islam denies the Jesus of Acts by reducing Him to a prophet and rejecting His cross. Why does that make Islam a different gospel instead of just a different religious tradition?
3. PT said, *“If you remove the cross, you remove the Gospel.”* Why is the cross absolutely necessary? What happens to sin, guilt, forgiveness, judgment, mercy, and salvation if Jesus did not actually die on the cross for our sins?
4. Islam teaches submission, prayer, fasting, charity, pilgrimage, and obedience. Those things can look serious and spiritual. But PT said, *“Submission cannot replace salvation.”* Why can religious discipline never do what the blood of Jesus does?
5. Read [Galatians 1:8](#). Paul said even an angel from heaven must be rejected if he preaches a different gospel. Islam claims Muhammad received revelation through an angel more than 500 years after Jesus. Why must that claim be tested by the Gospel already preached by the apostles?
6. PT said, *“The Bible doesn’t need to be corrected by Muhammad. Muhammad needs to be tested by the Bible.”* Why is it dangerous when someone dismisses Scripture in order to defend a later religious message? What does [John 1](#), [Colossians 1](#), [Hebrews 1](#), [Acts 2](#), and [Acts 4:12](#) say about Jesus that Islam cannot accept?
7. Islam can call Jesus a prophet, but it cannot give sinners the crucified Savior, the empty tomb, forgiveness of sins, or the only name by which we must be saved. So here is the hard question: if someone asked you why Islam cannot save, could you answer clearly from Scripture?

8. Now bring it home. PT said, *“Respect is not salvation. Agreement is not surrender. Familiarity is not redemption.”* Where in our own family have we treated Jesus with respect but not full surrender? What would it look like for our home to take the step Islam refuses to take and bow fully to Jesus as Lord?

◆ PASTOR’S BEST QUOTES

- *“Respect for Jesus is not the same as surrender to Jesus.”*
- *“A respectful Jesus who is not worshiped as Lord is still a rejected Jesus.”*
- *“If you remove the cross, you remove the Gospel.”*
- *“A prophet without a cross cannot save the world.”*

◆ APPLICATION / ACTION PROMPT

This week, ask God to help you clearly explain the Gospel in one sentence: Jesus is God the Son, crucified for our sins, raised from the dead, exalted as Lord, and the only name by which we must be saved.

Then pray for one person who needs to know that truth and ask God for an opportunity to speak with love and clarity.

◆ CLOSING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, anchor our hearts in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Help us know the truth, love the truth, live the truth, and defend the truth with courage and compassion.

Teach us to recognize false gospels in our world, not so we can become arrogant, hateful, or argumentative, but so we can be faithful witnesses of the risen Jesus. Give parents wisdom, students roots, families courage, and our church clarity.

Lord, help us speak the truth in love. Help us love people without compromising the Gospel. Help us reject every message that reduces Jesus, removes the cross, denies the resurrection, or offers salvation apart from Christ.

Call us back to the Jesus of Scripture, the power of the cross, the hope of the empty tomb, and the mission of the Spirit-filled Church. Let CrossPointe be a church that knows the Gospel, defends the Gospel, and carries the Gospel into our homes, schools, workplaces, and community.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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