

Counterfeit Sermon Series
"Jehovah's Witnesses"
2 Corinthians 4:1-6

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 examines 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 Gospel...One Savior...One Spirit...One God

Main Passage

2 Corinthians 4:1-6 – ¹Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The 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. ⁵For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Three False Teachings found among Jehovah's Witnesses

False Teaching #1 – There is God but No Trinity

- **Matthew 28:19-20** – ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
- "Never was there a more deceptive doctrine advanced than that of the trinity. It could have originated only in one mind, and that the mind of Satan the Devil."—
(*Reconciliation*, 1928, p. 101)

False Teaching #2 – Jesus is NOT God

- **John 10:30** – I and the Father are one.
- **John 8:58** – "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"
- **Revelation 22:13** – I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.
- Jesus is a lesser "god" under Jehovah the only true God. – (*Reasoning from the Scriptures*, p. 212)
- A created angel who is "divine" as a "mighty god" next (but not equal to) Jehovah God – (*Reasoning from the Scriptures*, pp. 212, 218)
- Jesus is not worthy of prayer or worship – (*Insight on the Scriptures*, vol. 2, p. 667; *The Watchtower*, Dec. 15, 1994, pp. 24-25)

False Teaching #3 – A Gospel of Faith plus Works

- **1 Corinthians 15:1-5** – ¹Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.
- Gospel = Faith in Jehovah God, Jesus Christ and the Watchtower Organization – (*The Watchtower*, Feb. 15, 1983, p. 12)
- Faith in Jesus Christ + works are required to prove oneself worthy for the “reward” of Eternal Life – (*The Watchtower*, Aug. 15, 1972, p. 492; Aug. 1, 1992, p. 17)

Memory Verse

- **2 Corinthians 4:4** – 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.

Application

Counterfeit Challenge – Take the Counterfeit Sermon Series 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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