**Who is the correct Jesus, the Messiah?**

II Corinthians 11:4 says “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.”

Today many teach a Jesus that is not the Jesus of the Bible.

Jehovah’s Witnesses teach Jesus is not God. (that contradicts the Bible.)

The Mormon’s teach Jesus is the brother of Lucifer. (that contradicts the Bible.)

The Roman Catholic Church teaches that Jesus’ sacrifice for the sins of mankind did not mean that faith alone in Him is sufficient for salvation. They believe the sacraments are necessary for salvation**. Thereby making the burden of salvation on our good works**.

In fact the Church at the Council of Trent, in its opposition to the Reformers’ doctrine of justification by faith alone, and in defense of of its doctrine of penance, declared: “ If anyone saith that justifying faith is nothing else but confidence in the divine mercy which remits sin for Christ’s sake alone: or, that this confidence alone is that whereby we are justified, let him be anthema”. (Sess. VI, Can. 12). ( a quote from the book “Roman Catholicism”.)

Ephesians 2:8 says “ for it’s by Grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.”

**This contradicts the Roman Catholic Church’s teaching. If they don’t believe that Jesus paid the price for all our sins, then they believe a different Jesus than the Jesus of the Bible.**

The Muslims believe that Jesus was a good man, a prophet. They do not believe He is the Son of God. Consequently, the belief that Allah and YHWH of the Bible are the same God is false. For the God of the Bible, YHWH has a Son, Jesus Christ, Who Himself, is God. (John 1:1).

”Therefore, the Muslims do not believe in the Jesus of the Bible. They believe Allah has no son.

The Bible is specific on who Jesus Christ is. In John 1:29, the apostle John identified Jesus . He said “look, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world”

John 3:16 says “ For God so loved the world that He gave His One and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him, shall no perish but have eternal life”

Jesus Christ is God’s Son, Who came into this world to die for our sins. He is very God. He is the only One who could justify God by being the sacrifice who is perfect. Who had no sin, and thereby could be the Lamb, (the sacrifice), of God.

Ours sins are forgiven forever, when we put our trust in Him as our Savior, and repent of our sins.

**This is the Jesus of the Bible. This is the true Jesus.**

I John 4 gives some answers.

**v-l-3-**

**v-l-says** "do not believe every spirit-but test them to see whether they are from God-

because many false prophets have gone out into the world"-

-spirits exist-not in our dimension or we would be able to see them-but since we live in a 3 dimensional world-we can't see them -nor can we understand fully the 4th dimension of time -so, it's very hard to fully understand the 5th dimension- in which spirits habitat. ==we know they exist basically because the **Bible** tells so-and they are basically messengers of God-which we call **Angels**-and they are either of God- or those who are not of God-but are now **followers** of Satan.

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The fact that God gave us teachers- so that we might exemplify our faith and knowledge- and thereby grow to maturity .=and along with that subject, we note that there are teachers that distort the Word of God, and teach false doctrines that mislead the people.

-(So to understand this passage -we have to understand that John is "jux-ta-posing" here-in other words-he is calling **spirits** that are not from God-**false teachers** ! !=or to put it in a manner that we can understand-false teachers are inspired by 'demonic spirits'-to propagate their false doctrines-)

-and so -we are to test the teaching-in other words-we should have a 'healthy' skepticism regarding any teaching-and not just be open minded to anyone claiming to be a teacher or preacher of God.-

**Acts 17: 11-12-**

-The first test we are to give-is examining their teaching with **Scripture- (**how does what they are saying compare with other scriptures with" the same subject ?) —

**v-2-(here's the 2nd test)--** "every spirit that acknowledges Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God"

-(before listening to anyone we should find out what they think about Jesus Christ-Is He God in human flesh??-Do they believe in Him for **complete** salvation ?? — "~

-(many feel that even though you believe in Jesus as being God-and that He died for our sins-you still have to do 'Good Works' — like you have to be Baptized- or your are not saved — or you have to obey the laws of the Church-)-

-Many believe that Jesus is the Son of God-but not **God** !!-- many believe Him to be a great Prophet -but not God.

=and so before we listen to anyone who proclaims the Word of God-we should test them with this **v-3-** "every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is from God-this is the spirit of the Anti-Christ"

(the Anti Christ will oppose God-and claim to be God-and so those **opposing** the truth of the Scriptures-this is the spirit of the Anti-Christ)-