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Series - Fountain of Truth
Sermon Title - Catholicism

Big Idea: Many Christians today are confused about what they believe. They are not sure if other religions are okay or if they are the same as Christianity. Many Christians have bought into the lie that there are many ways to God and Christianity is just another one of those ways.

Intro: The Three S's

1. Savior: All false religions change who Jesus really was. They do not believe that He is the 'only way' to heaven.

2. Salvation: All false religions teach that a person must 'earn' their way to heaven. They don't believe we are saved by grace, God's gift.

3. Scripture: All false religions teach that the Bible is 'incomplete' and there are 'other' holy books.

Point 1 - Does Catholicism differ from Biblical Christianity?

Savior = Check

Scripture = Get's a little wonky

Salvation = Works vs. Faith

Ephesians 2:8-9 8God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about

Point 2 - Catholics vs Protestants

New Voice vs. Jesus

Point 3 - Personal Concerns

Mary - Exodus 20:4-5, "You shall not make unto yourself any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down yourself to them."

Matthew 11:28 - "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

1st Timothy 2:5, "There is only one mediator between God and man and that mediator is Jesus Christ."

The Rosary

More Mary

"Father" - Matthew 23:9 - 9And don't address anyone here on earth as 'Father,' for only God in heaven is your Father.

Getting right - strong voice in protecting the unborn child, strong voice that marriage is for life, strong voice against the sin of homosexuality

Closing - Biggest work in and works based movement = Matthew 7:22 - Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'