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For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. ³ But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

⁴ For if someone comes and proclaims **another Jesus** than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive **a different spirit** from the one you received, or if you accept **a different gospel** from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. ⁵ Indeed, I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles.

2 Corinthians 11:2-5 ESV

1

A DIVINE JEALOUSY

I am jealous for you
with God's jealousy.

2 Corinthians 11:2^a

2

AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE

I betrothed you to one husband,
to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:2^b

3

AN UGLY SCANDAL

But I am afraid that, just as the snake with his cunning seduced Eve, your minds may be led astray from single-minded devotion to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:3 NJB

4

A SILLY BRIDE

For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. **2 Cor 11:4**

SILLY BRIDE

- She submits to *another Jesus, a different spirit, a different gospel.*
- She flirts with false teachers / teaching.
- She is spoiling her capacity to reason.
- She puts her purity and virginity at risk.
- She is close to giving the Bridegroom grounds for divorce.

5

A SATANIC SECUCUTION

Indeed, I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these *hyper-apostles*.

2 Corinthians 11:5

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For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

¹⁴ And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵ So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. **2 Cor 11:13-15**

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Paul views the false teachers as deceptive suitors who would violate his daughter and rob her of her precious virginity and purity through their proclamations of *another Jesus, a different spirit, and a different gospel.*

Believer's Study Bible

The Super Apostles . . .

- 1 Turn the gospel into a retail business. 2:17
- 2 They rely on letters of recommendation. 3:1
- 3 They tamper with God's Word using underhanded tactics. 4:2
- 4 They are self-serving, self-branding, self-commending, self promoting. 10:12, 18
- 5 They measure and compare themselves with each other. 10:12

The Super Apostles . . .

- 6 Claim credit for the work of others. 10:15
- 7 Put on airs of hype and triumphalism. 11:5, 20
- 8 They are servants of Satan disguised as apostles of Christ. 11:13-15
- 9 Are authoritarian, overbearing, abusive. 11:20
- 10 They seduce the Church with *another Jesus, a different spirit, a different gospel.* 11:4

FLIRTING

with another Jesus

- 1 A Divine Jealousy
- 2 An Arranged Marriage
- 3 An Ugly Scandal
- 4 A Silly Bride
- 5 A Satanic Seduction

Martin Luther

I make Moses so German that no one would suspect he was a Jew.

They made Jesus so German
they forgot he was a Jew.



A church altar-banner in Nazi Germany

Rebranding Jesus for the Market

Jesus the Crusader

Jesus the Moralist

Jesus the Therapist

Jesus the Humanist

Jesus the Communist

Jesus the Capitalist

Jesus the Social Reformer

Jesus the Hippie

JESUS CHRIST
SUPER
STAR

Jesus the CEO

Jeşuş my
Financial Planner

Jesus the Social
Media Star



William Sharp

*Why have you
come back to
interfere with our
institutions?*

The Grand Inquisitor
Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Richard C. Halverson

- When the Greeks got the Gospel they turned it into a philosophy.
- Rome turned it into a government.
- Europe turned it into a culture.
- America turned into a business.

- When Singapore got the Gospel they turned it into a _____.



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- 3 Are you being led astray from simple virtues to strange manifestations?
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Hebrews 13:8-9

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday
and today and forever.

Do not be led away by diverse and
strange teachings. *ESV*

2 Timothy 4:3-4

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. **ESV**

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Jeremiah 2:2-3

I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride, how you followed me in the wilderness, in a land not sown. Israel was holy to the LORD.... *ESV*

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