What can you tell me about the crucifixion in Gnostic texts and the Nag Hammadi? Muslims say Jesus only appeared to be crucified but he wasn't.

Gnosticism and Islam are false teachings (2 Pe 2:1).

Regarding Gnostic teaching Douglas Groothuis wrote:

- ...Gnostic texts that discuss Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection display a variety of views that, nevertheless, reveal some common themes...
- ...The resurrected Jesus for the Gnostics is the spiritual Revealer who imparts secret wisdom to the selected few. The tone and content of Luke's account of Jesus' resurrection appearances is a great distance from Gnostic accounts...
- ...[I]t should be apparent that the biblical Jesus has little in common with the Gnostic Jesus...<sup>1</sup>

The apostle Paul said: "But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed (Ga 1:8)."

## Groothuis continued:

...[T]he Nag Hammadi texts present a Jesus at extreme odds with the one found in the Gospels.

Only the Jesus of scripture saves (Mt 1:21). Neither the Jesus of Gnosticism nor the Jesus of Islam saves. The real Jesus saves men from hell and damnation (Isa 45:21,22; 59:16; Ac 4:12).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Groothuis, Douglas. "Gnosticism and the Gnostic Jesus: A Two-Part Series on Ancient and Modern Gnosticism." InPlainSite.org, www.inplainsite.org/html/the\_gnostic\_gospels.html. Accessed 29 Apr. 2023.