



Marks of a **False** Leader



MATTHEW 23:1-4

MARK 12:38-40

LUKE 20:45-47

Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples,² saying: “The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat.³ Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.⁴ For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.



Moses

HAD A
CONFLICT
WITH THEM IN
EGYPT.



Jeremiah

FOUGHT
WITH THEM
IN JUDAH



Ezekiel

FACED THEM
AND CALLED
THEM FOOLISH
PROPHETS



Apostle Paul

STRUGGLED AGAINST THEM AS
PREACHERS OF ANOTHER GOSPEL



Our Lord

WARNED OF THEM AS FALSE
PROPHETS WHO SHALL SHOW
GREAT SIGNS AND WONDERS.



Apostle Peter

THEY WERE FALSE PREACHERS WHO SECRETLY BRING IN DAMNABLE HERESIES, AND THEY ARE LIKE DOGS WHO RETURN TO LICK UP THEIR OWN VOMIT.



Apostle John

SAW A COMING ANTICHRIST AND MANY ANTICHRISTS ALREADY PRESENT WHO DENIED JESUS AS THE TRUE CHRIST.



JUDE

**SAW THEM AND
CALLED THEM
DELUDED
DREAMERS WHO
DEFILE THE FLESH.**

Matthew 23

can be divided as three sections.

Matthew 23:1-12 spoken to the
crowd and the disciples.



Matthew 23

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Matthew 23:13-36 spoken to
the Pharisees themselves.



Matthew 23

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Matthew 23:37-39 tender
compassion over the plight of the lost of
Israel.





Then Jesus spoke
to the multitudes
and to His disciples

Matthew

23:1



A cinematic scene of Jesus in a temple. Jesus, with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe and a red sash, stands in the center with his right hand raised. He is surrounded by several people in traditional robes. The background features large, ornate columns and a bright, glowing light source, creating a dramatic and spiritual atmosphere.

Monday

JESUS IS BACK IN THE TEMPLE, WHICH HE HAS
CLEANSED, AND HE IS MOVING AROUND IN THE
TEMPLE TEACHING

Matthew 21:28-32

"THE PARABLE OF TWO SONS"



Matthew 21:22-46 **"THE WICKED VINEDRESSERS"**

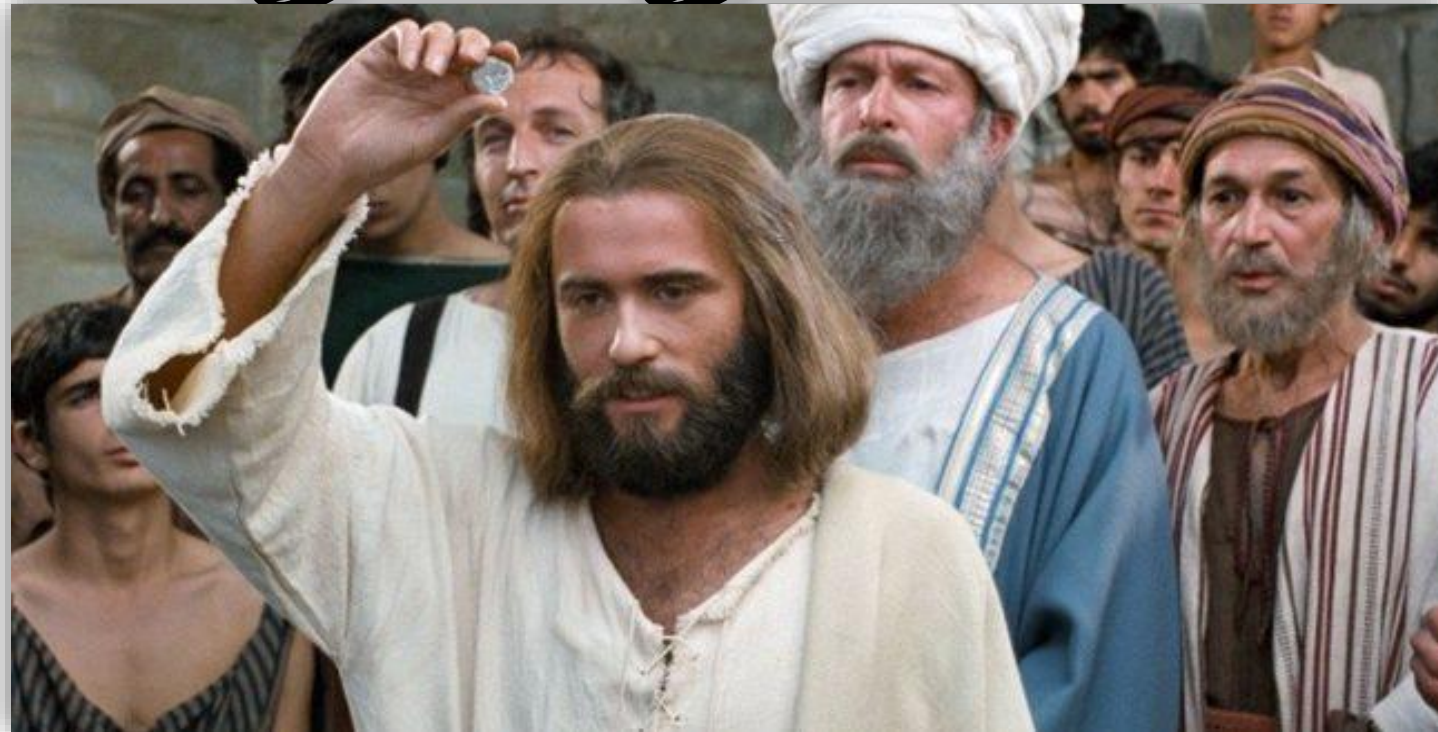


Matthew 22:1-14

"THE WEDDING FEAST"



1st question:
Matthew 22:13-22
Paying taxes



2nd question:

***Matthew 22:23-33 About
Resurrection***



3rd question:

Matthew 22:34-40

***What is the greatest
Commandment?***





4th question:

Matthew 22:41-45

*David calling his
descendant
Lord.*



This is the last public speech

They are false shepherds. They are wolves in sheep's clothing.



WEDNESDAY HE WILL BE CRUCIFIED

Matthew 23:8-12

HE CALLS HIS DISCIPLES TO
BE DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT
THAN THESE FALSE
SPIRITUAL LEADERS.





Acts 2

3000 people believed and were baptized

Acts 4



There were twenty thousand who have heard and believed in apostolic preaching



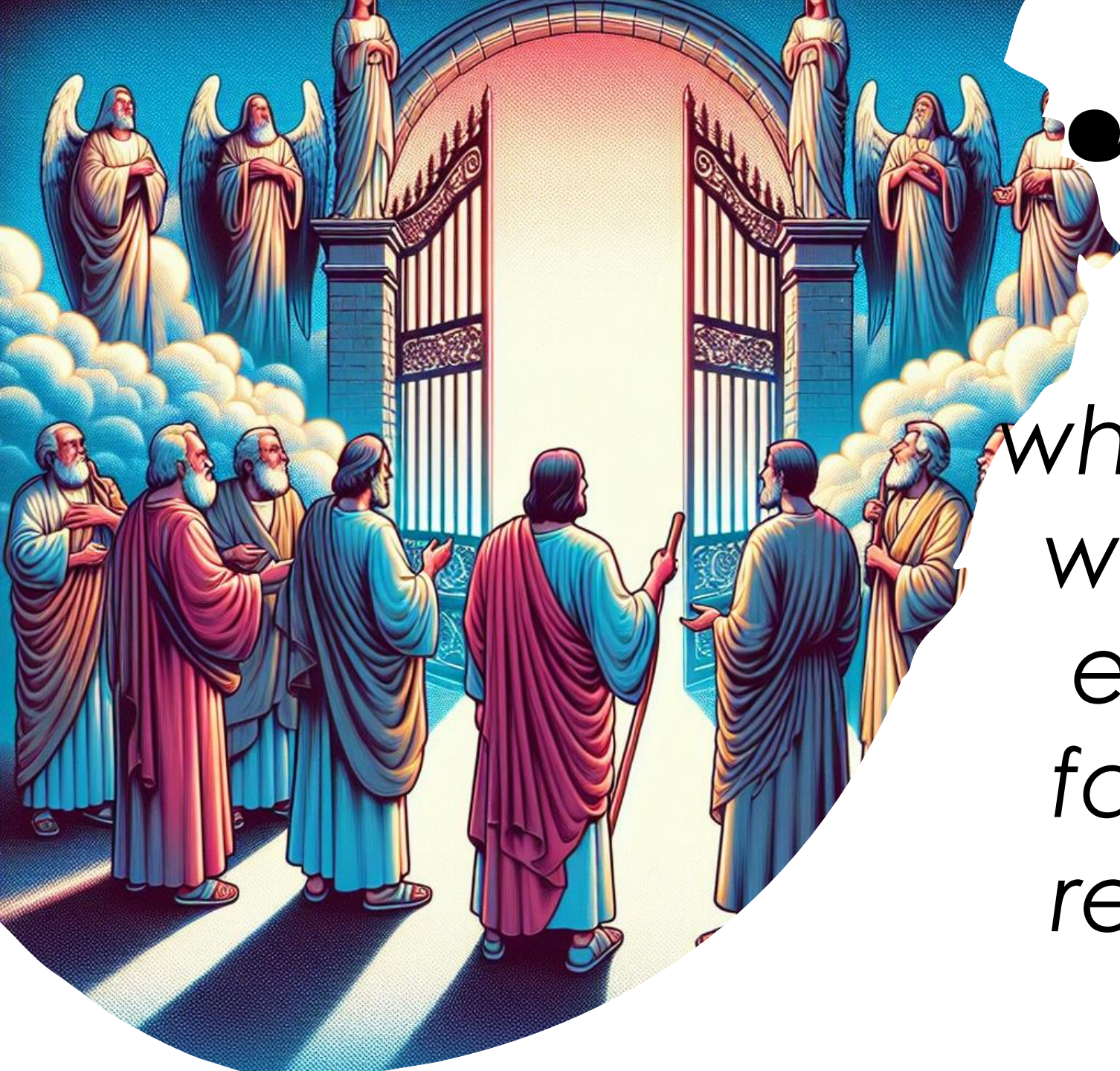
Acts 5:28

“DID WE NOT STRICTLY
COMMAND YOU NOT TO
TEACH IN THIS NAME? AND
LOOK, YOU HAVE FILLED
JERUSALEM WITH YOUR
DOCTRINE, AND INTEND TO
BRING THIS MAN’S BLOOD ON
US!”



Matthew 23:1

*Then Jesus
spoke to the
multitudes and
to His disciples*



Matthew

23:13

when He directs His words eyeball-to-eyeball to these false leaders, the rest of the crowd heard as well.



Matthew

23:2

“The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat.”



Pharisees

There were various sects in Judaism, but the dominant sect was the **Pharisees**. They were the religious spiritual leaders.



Sadducees

The **Sadducees** were primarily into politics and in amassing fortunes. They weren't really involved in the theology and the spiritual leadership, though they had some positions of authority in the hierarchy of the temple. Theirs was pretty much a political and economic operation.



Zealots

There were the zealots who also were political nationalists.

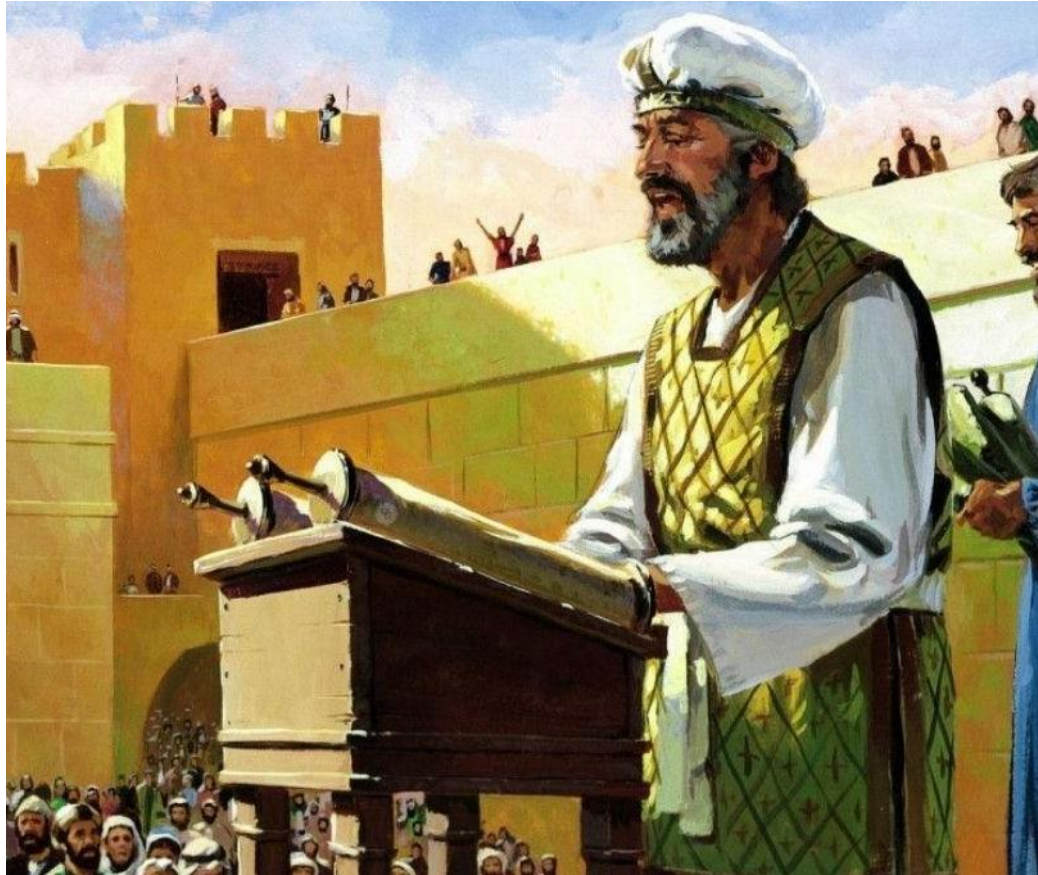
There were the Essenes who were monastics, and they never really had an impact on society because they utterly separated from society.



Herodians

There were the **Herodians**, and they were a political party that was pro the Herod's.

Nehemiah and Ezra brought the Scriptures to the people



7 *There were kinds of Pharisees*

The shoulder Pharisee



Because they wore his good deeds on his shoulder. He paraded the good that he did. When he prayed, he would put something ashes on his head and he would look sad so everyone would know how pious and spiritual he was. He was the shoulder Pharisee.

7 *There were kinds of Pharisees*

The lingering Pharisee



This was the Pharisee who could always come up with a spiritual reason to put off doing something good. He always had excuses, but they sounded very pious.

7 *There were kinds of Pharisees*

Bending Pharisee



They thought it was a sin to look at a woman, and so whenever women were around, he bent over and closed his eyes, and he kept running into walls. According to the Pharisees, the more bruises you had from walls, the more holy you were.

7 *There were kinds of Pharisees*

Humpback Pharisee



Pharisee was called that because he wanted to demonstrate his humility. So, they would slouch way over and bent his back and walked around all day in that humble position and thought it was wrong to lift his feet, so he shuffled his feet, and he kept tripping on things and tumbling, and he was called the humpback-tumbling Pharisee.

7 *There were kinds of Pharisees*

Calculating Pharisee



He was the Pharisee who kept count of all of his good deeds so he does know what God owed him in terms of blessing.

7 *There were kinds of Pharisees*

The fearing Pharisee

All they did all that stuff because he was scared to death of going to hell.



7 *There were kinds of Pharisees*

The GOD-fearing Pharisee



He did because he thought it was right to do it, and he had integrity to some extent. He was the one out of the seven who was a good person.

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elements that false spiritual leaders lack

1. Authority,
2. Integrity,
3. Sympathy,
4. Spirituality, and
5. Humility.



They Lacked Authority



“The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat.

Matthew
23:2



the word
“seat” is the
word
kathedra,
from which we
get
“cathedral.”

John 16 says the day
is going to come when men
think they do God service
by killing you.





Jeremiah

14:14

And the Lord said to me, “The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart.”



Jeremiah 23:21

*“I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran.
I have not spoken to them, yet they
prophesied.”*



Jeremiah

23:32

Behold, I am against those who prophesy false dreams," says the Lord, "and tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies and by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command them; therefore they shall not profit this people at all," says the Lord.



Jeremiah 27:15

for I have not sent them,” says the Lord, “yet they prophesy a lie in My name, that I may drive you out, and that you may perish, you and the prophets who prophesy to you.”

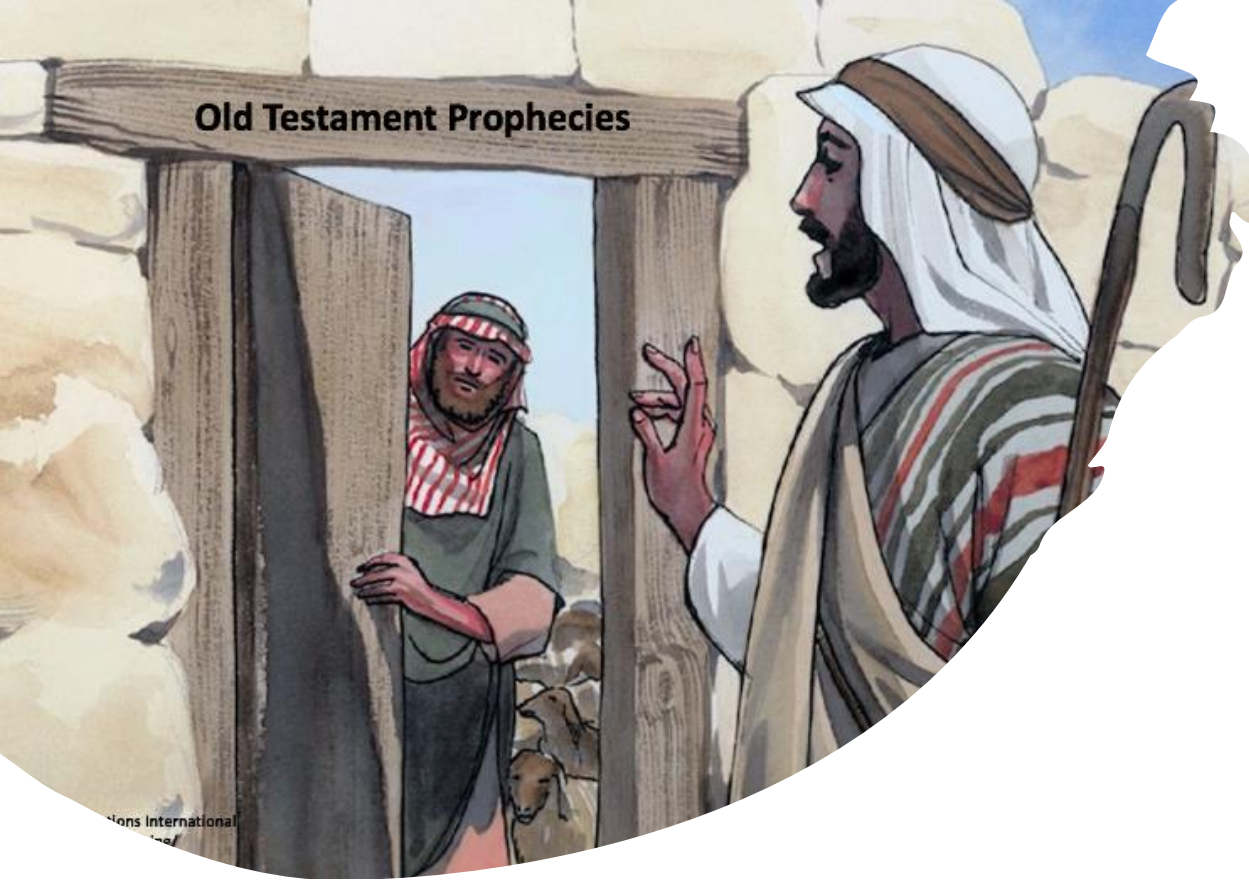
Read Jeremiah chapter 28 and 29



Isaiah 30:10

Who say to the seers, "Do not see," And to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things; Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits.

Old Testament Prophecies



John 10:1-2

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.”

They Lacked Integrity



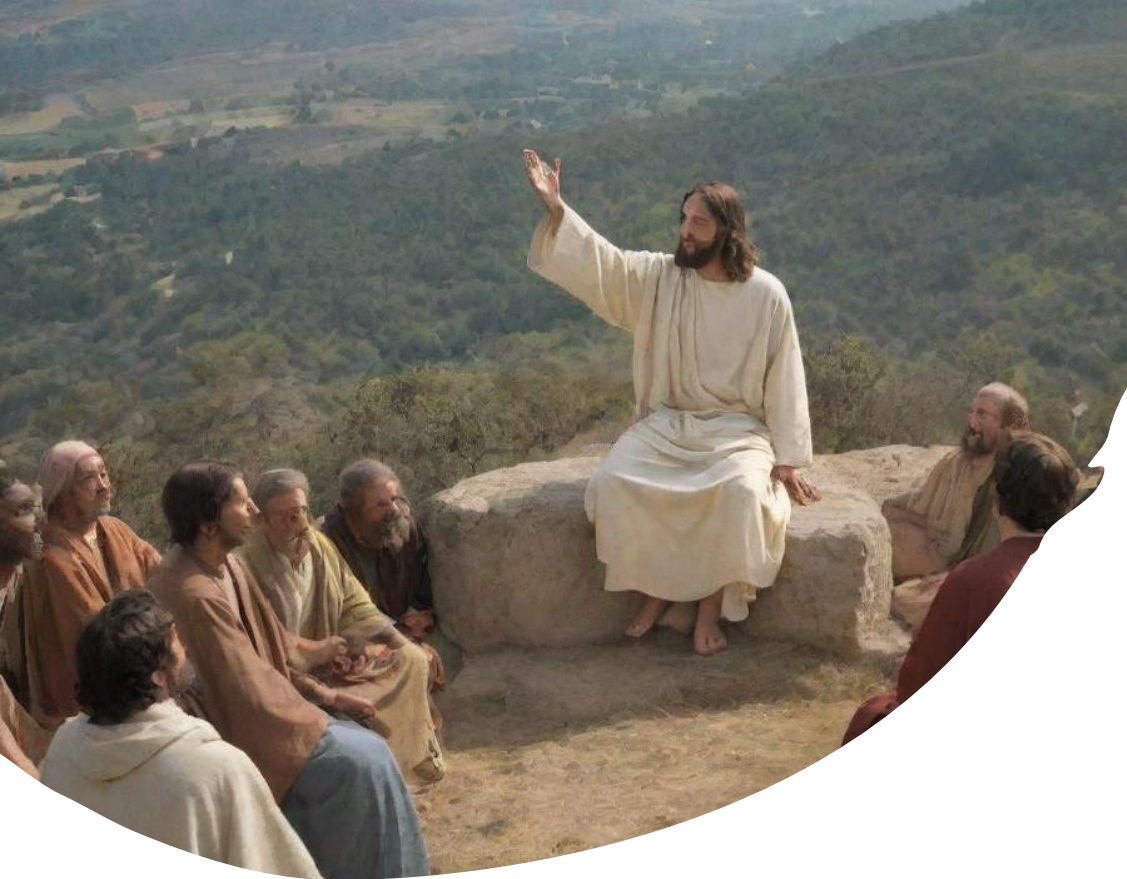
Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.

Matthew
23:3

But *I*
Tell You

Matthew
5:21-48

- You are wrong about **murder.**
- You are wrong about **fornication.**
- You are wrong about **divorce.**
- You are wrong about **adultery.**
- You are wrong about **swearing.**



Matthew

6

- Your **prayers** are wrong.
- Your **giving** is wrong.
- Your **worship** is wrong.
- Your **fasting** is wrong.

**ARE YOU
FOLLOWING
TRADITIONS
OR GOD'S
COMMANDMENTS?**



Matthew 15:6

*then he need not
honour his father or
mother.' Thus you
have made
the commandment
of God of no effect
by your tradition.*

Poieō immediately respond, do it.
(poy-eh'-o)

To do.

To perform.

To carry out.

To execute and be done well.

Tēreō

go on doing, present tense

Matthew 23:3



*but do not do
according to their
works; for they say,
and do not do.*

Ephesians 2:10



*For we are His
workmanship,
created in Christ
Jesus for good works,
which God prepared
beforehand that we
should walk in them.*

Romans 7



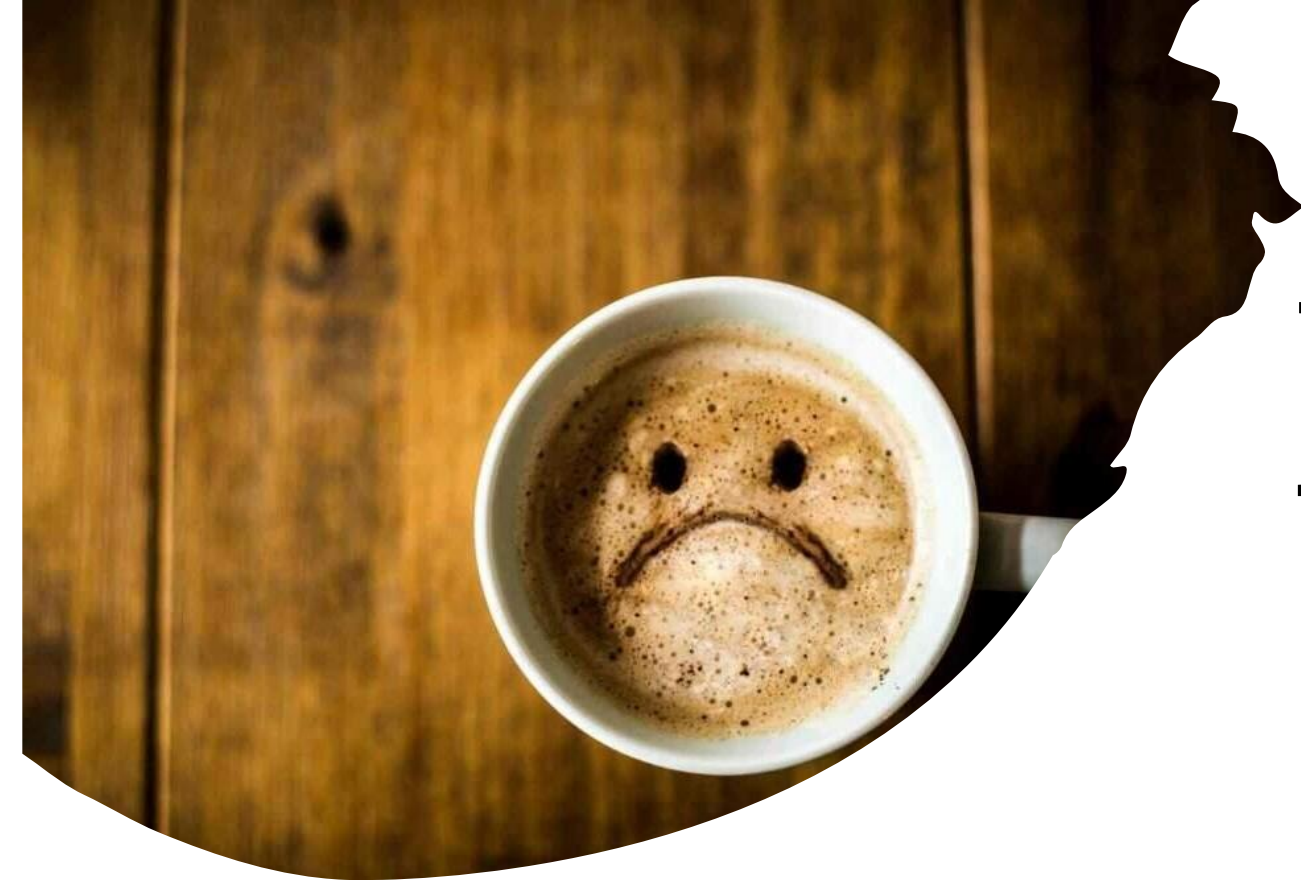
“In my inner man, I delight in the law of God.”



Matthew

23:23

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.”



Matthew 23:25

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.”



Whitewashed

Tomb

Matthew

23:27

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness.”



Matthew

23:33

*Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you
escape the condemnation of hell?*



Matthew 23:28

*Even so you also outwardly appear
righteous to men, but inside you are full of
hypocrisy and lawlessness.*



1 Timothy

4:2

*speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own
conscience seared with a hot iron,*



2 Peter

2:1

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.



2 Peter

2:10

and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries,



2 Peter 2:12

But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption,



2 Peter

2:13-14

and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you,



2 Peter

2:17

These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.



2 Peter 2:19

While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.



Jude 1:8

Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.



Jude 1:10

But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.



Jude 1:12

These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;

They Lacked Sympathy

For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

Matthew
23:4





Galatians 1:8

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.



Galatians

5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.



1 Peter

5:7

*casting all your care upon Him, for
He cares for you*



Mark 12:40

*who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense
make long prayers. These will receive greater
condemnation."*



1 Timothy 4:3

forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.



Isaiah 10:1-2

*“Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, Who write misfortune,
Which they have prescribed ² To rob the needy of justice, And to take
what is right from the poor of My people, That widows may be their prey,
And that they may rob the fatherless.*”



Jeremiah 7:4-6

“Do not trust in these lying words, saying, ‘The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are these.’⁵ “For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, if you thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor,



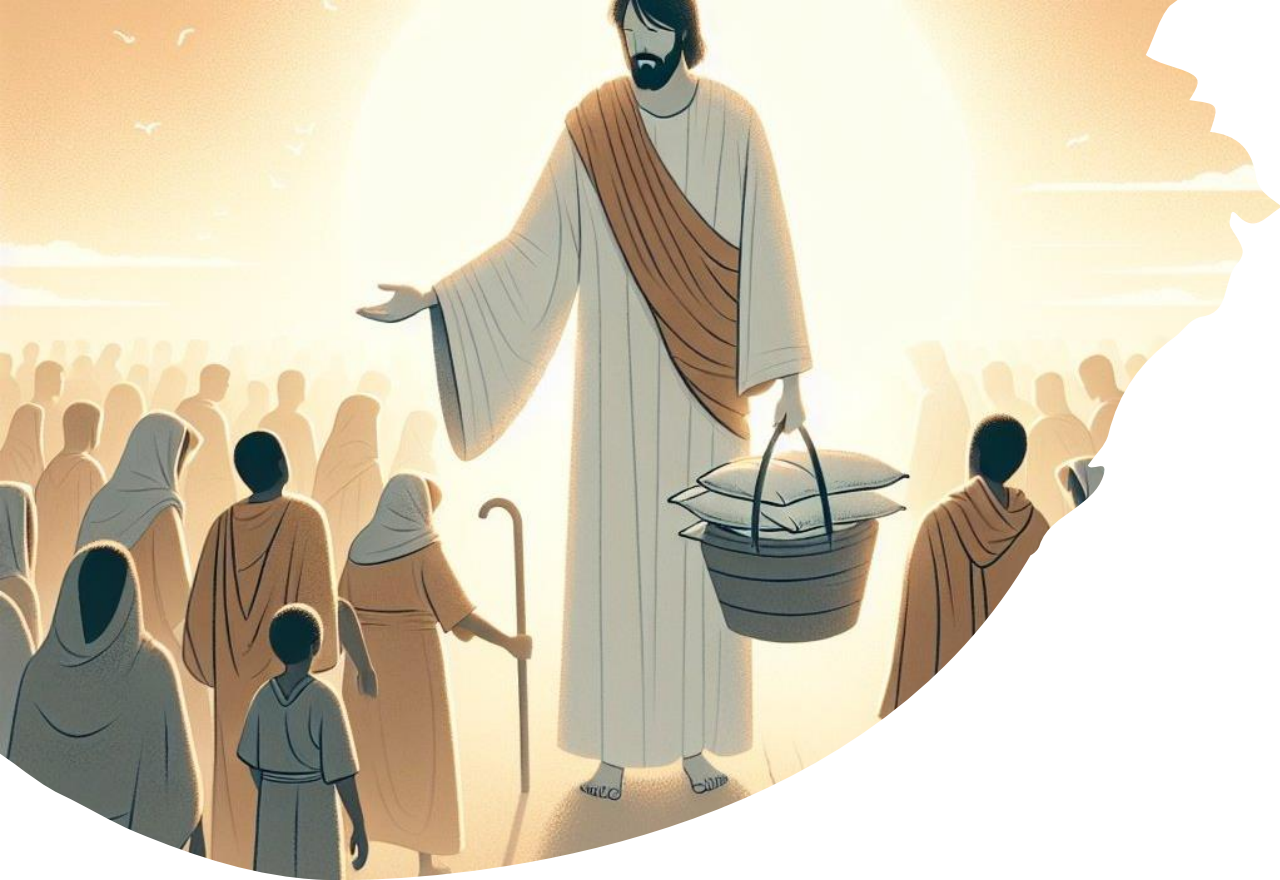
Ezekiel 34:2-6

“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God to the shepherds: “Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? ³ You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, but you do not feed the flock.”



Ezekiel 34:7-10

‘Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: ⁸ “As I live,” says the Lord God, “surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food for every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock”



Matthew 11:28 - 30

Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

True Spiritual Leader

Authority,

His authority comes from the word of God.

Integrity,

Look at his life.

Sympathy,

God's kingdom not His

