

# False Christs and False Prophets Part 3

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Hello all, it's December the 8th of 2024, and this is part 3 of The False Christs and False Prophets series. In the last study we spent a fair bit of time in Matthew 23, and it did lead to a fair bit of discussion this past Sabbath where we played part 2 and actually listened to it.

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It can be brutal analyzing one's self, as anyone who does speak should do, for there is no harsher critic if one is objective about it, than yourself. We will spend more time in Matthew 23 today, but first let's look at some more things that the Biblical Christ said; for it is important to spend some time laying a foundation.

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Let's start in the book of John, where we'll begin in John 9, and we will pick it up in verse 31. Just to kind of set the tone here. A man had been healed; his eyes had been opened, and it's recorded.

31 Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God (the God) and does His will,

Everything we've been looking at.

He hears him.

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32 Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. 33 If this Man were not from (the) God, He could do nothing." 34 They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

So, obviously these folks that tossed him, they were the teachers, or so they thought.

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35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" 36 He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" 37 And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

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Wouldn't that be a bit of a shaker if that happened to you or I?

38 Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

Christ was worshipped. He did not teach people to worship Him, but He was indeed, worshipped. It says so, there is a difference.

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39And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind."

Well, that's interesting. He came to allow some people to see things they had never seen; and also, to blind others.

40Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him

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And they saw these things.

heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we blind also?" 41Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin;

We are responsible for what we come to know.

but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore, your sin remains.

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So, they did know, and they did know He was a teacher that came from God, and they willingly blinded themselves to it.

John 10:1

1 "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. 2But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5Yet they will by no means follow a stranger but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

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So, He began a process of clarification.

7Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

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That's a rather scathing remark, don't you think? All the teachers that ever came before Christ, were thieves and robbers. Maybe we should think about that.

9I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. 11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. 13The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. 17"Therefore, My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

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And, you know, if we go back to verses 8 and 9, just to think about that. The Pharisees were in attendance, they heard this, and if you were a Pharisee and thought you were a teacher at that time and you heard this guy show up and say, "All who came before me are thieves and robbers" but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door to eternal life actually, if anyone enters by Me he will be saved and will go in and out and fine pasture."

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How do you think that would have been taken by the people hearing that? Christ is the door the ekklesia must walk through to receive eternal life. Speaking to the Jews of the day, the Biblical Christ said the following in John 5. John 5, and let's look at verses 38 and 39. He was speaking to the players of the day. He said:

38But you do not have His word (God's word) abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.

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So, the one that was sent by the Father; they didn't believe what He said.

39You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

Going on He said:

40But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

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So, the Father sent His Son to provide a door to eternal life for the people and they wouldn't enter the door.

41 "I do not receive honor from men. 42 But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. 43 I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; ...

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They rejected the doorway to their own salvation, and Christ was well aware of that. He knew who He was, and He knew what He was all about. And He knew that He was sent by the Father. Well, that's interesting to take into consideration. How many human babies born would know that they were sent by the Father?

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What did Christ know and what did He understand? Going on to Chapter 6 and verses 44 and 45. Christ said, no one can come to me, for He made it clear that he was the door and people had to come to Him.

44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.'

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And that's out of Isaiah.

Therefore, everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.

So, the Father is actively involved in teaching people and they go through the door

46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.

47 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

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Well, can you imagine if a personality showed up in your world and said, "I'm the guy, walk through me, listen to what I have to say and you will receive eternal life." How do you think that would be received by the various religious communities of this day? He goes on, He says:

48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven

Christ repeatedly said He came down from Heaven.

that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.

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So, Christ understood that He had come down from heaven, that He was sent by His Father, and that He was the key to eternal life. This is what the Biblical Christ is saying about Himself. Christ's exhortation to those whom God would call is recorded for us in Matthew 11; Matthew 11, verses 28 – 30, where He says:

28Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me,

So, the Biblical Christ came to teach us.

for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

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Well, that's interesting. So, here you have what the Biblical Christ was saying, and how was that actually received, or considered. Or how do you think it was received and considered by the people of the day? Especially the religious teachers of the day. We're going to work our way back to Matthew 23, but let's take look at Matthew 22, verses 43 to 45, because I think it's important to set the tone.

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If we go back and look at this whole thing, Christ had had it out with the religious leaders of the day, where they had been posing questions to Him. Let's pick up the story actually, let's read that. (Matthew 22:29 -

29Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. 30For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven. 31But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by (the) God,

Not by me, by the God.

saying, 32'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?

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This is not Christ saying that, this is the Father.

God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.” 33And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching. 34But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, 36“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” 37Jesus said to him, “You shall love (Me)

Ah, no, no, he said:

“You shall love Yehovah your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’  
38This is the first and great commandment. 39And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your  
neighbor as yourself.’ 40On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”  
41While the Pharisees were gathered together, Yeshua asked them, 42saying, “What do you  
think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “The Son of David.” 43He said to  
them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying: 44‘The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool”’? 45If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’  
how is He his Son?” 46And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did  
anyone dare question Him anymore.

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So, He had just pointed out that He was the Son of God, and He had shut up the very best of  
them, permanently. And it’s interesting to consider, is the story flow continuous? Because we go  
right from His having it out with the religious leaders of the day to Christ speaking to the  
multitudes and to His disciples. Is that the next day, the next afternoon, shortly after; I don’t  
know, but it’s an interesting thing to consider the logical flow of that.

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Let’s read that, Matthew 23: 1 - 12.

1 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes ...

Amongst which there would have been Pharisees, by everything I see.

2saying: “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. 4For 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. 5But all their works they do to be seen  
by men.

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They were a mile wide and an inch deep.

They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. 6They love the  
best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, 7greetings in the marketplaces, and to  
be called by men, ‘Rabbi, Rabbi.’

So, He’s pointing out the behavior of the religious leaders of the day.

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And then He turns around and He gives instructions, He says:

8But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren.

So, He's pointing out, He's the teacher, not these guys. He's the one sent by the Father to be the door to the sheep, and He's certainly not shy about telling them that. The instructions:

9Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. 10And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ.

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So, He's announcing who He is, He knows He's the door, He knows He's the path to salvation and He's laying out the rules in contradiction to what the rules were prior to the best of the people's understanding. Christ is setting the correct God-ordained order in place. And then He began identifying who the false ones really were. Naturally they were very pleased with His analysis.

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Notice that He's addressing those He had silenced just previously, before the Matthew 23-time frame, who maybe were there firsthand to hear the way it was on the part of the multitudes. Seven times, in Matthew 23, the Biblical Christ referenced the religious leaders of His day, as hypocrites. It is interesting to bear this in mind.

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The Scribes, the Pharisees and the Scribes addressed here were Sabbath keeping, holyday observant, clean and unclean meat observant people. Those that would use these three criteria alone as an identifier of who someone's father is are seriously lacking in judgement, as we shall see.

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There are far more identifiers to be used than those. Although they too, can be used to validly identify those who know at least some of the will of God. If there were thirty identifiers to separate the true from the false, and we chose to use or see three, would we not be willingly blinding ourselves? The Biblical Christ saw through the illusion, and so must the ekklesia, who are being made over in the image of Christ.

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And, as we walk through these examples of where Christ is laying it down, and identifying who these people were, really were. We need to consider, what does this have to do with the Sabbath and holydays and the clean and unclean meat laws? And as we'll see, not a whole bunch.

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Since Christ called out the false ones of the day, hypocrites, it's likely a good idea to stop right here and define what one of those actually is. We think we know; I thought I knew, but it turns out, not so much. The Greek word is G5273, and if you look that up in Strong's, it defines, this is

interesting, an actor under an assumed character, a stage player. And it shows it's coming from the word G5271 where it says, to decide, speak or act under a false part, to pretend or to feign.

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Do not all religious organizations present themselves as a door gateway to salvation, when it is in fact the Biblical Christ who is the door to salvation? Just asking. If we stop there, in our investigation of this term, which Christ used repeatedly, and even that is an eye opener, we do ourselves a disservice and put on the blinders. We need to look a little deeper.

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So, if you go, and I would suggest you do in your own time, go into Bible Hub and look some of this stuff up. And under the word hypocrite, and I won't try to attempt it as it is in the Greek. We need to understand more of the fullness of that word, because Christ called them that.

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So, when you look it up, it says, a stage player, a hypocrite, a dissembler, or a pretender. It's derived from a Greek word meaning to answer or to act. The Hebrew words that would be similar, would be H2611 and H8602, and they mean profane, Godless, insipid, or untempered. Not a very flattering thing.

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In the New Testament, hypocrite, refers to someone who pretends to be something they are not; particularly in a moral or religious sense. It denotes a person who outwardly displays righteousness, but inwardly is deceitful or insincere. It's often used by Christ to describe the Pharisees, which we are looking at, and religious leaders who were more concerned with external appearances, than genuine faith and obedience to God.

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The Greek word originally referred to an actor on a stage, someone who wore a mask and played a role. This theatrical background highlights the idea of pretense and performance. By the time of the New Testament, the term had taken on a negative connotation, especially in Jewish and Christian texts, where authenticity in one's relationship with God, was a paramount thing.

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Helps Word Study says: properly, a judging under, like a performer acting under a mask, a theater actor, a two-faced person whose profession does not match their practice. i.e. Someone who says one thing, but does another.

The term was commonly used of actors on the Greek stage. When applied in the New Testament it refers to a hypocrite. Christianity requires that believers should be open and above board, they should be themselves, their lives should be like an open book, easily read.

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Well, sometimes it's best not to stop there in our investigation, although that goes a long way into, you know, taking us, probably, where we need to go. But you can certainly see the phoniness involved in this, and so when Christ used the term hypocrite, He's referring to actors on a stage. And He used that term over and over again. And even with the little bit we do know, that's quite an eye opener.

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But you know, a little trip to the thesaurus helps a great deal to help our understanding. When I looked it up, and these were words that you can just kind of tuck away, because when we get into looking at it, I think it's going to be very helpful.

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A hypocrite, from Thesaurus.com, the strongest matches are synonyms to the word are: bigot, charlatan, crook, imposter, phony, or trickster. Strong matches to the synonyms for hypocrite is: an actor, a backslider, a cheat, a deceiver, a decoy, fake, faker, four-flusher, fraud, masquerader, actually pharisee, a poser, a pretender, a quack.

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And even under weak matches, it says: a con artist, two-faced, or wolves in sheep's clothing; a term and a statement Christ made Himself. So, as we begin to set this thing up, now that we know what a hypocrite means, we need to begin to see the seriousness of what Christ was actually saying, and doing.

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We are ready to look at what the Biblical Christ said, and we know who He said it about, and who He said it directly to. So, verse 13 of Matthew 23.

13"But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!

Fill in all those synonyms.

For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

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By drawing attention to themselves, rather than pointing people to the door, the Biblical Christ, who was there to reconcile them to their Father, as we previously explained, and as Christ explained, they slammed the door of salvation that Christ was opening. Christ further explained the dynamics; He added the details. You're not going in, and you stop those who want to go in by your actions.

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Considering their behavior, they were directly violating commandment number one, and commandment five through ten. We're told to avoid deceit, and to avoid deceit in this way

doesn't stop with seeing whether they violated just one or two commandments, we need to be cognizant of all of them. We must broaden our prospective if we are to see.

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And you can imagine, if you know you are the door. Put yourself in Christ's shoes; He knows He's the door of salvation, so He can make a statement – All who came before me are just pretenders. If you are in those shoes, and you knew you were the Christ and you knew you had been sent by the Father, and you knew you were the door to salvation, would you think that you would be able to see the phonies fairly clearly?

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Again, the checkpoints to avoid deceit do not stop with one or two commandments, it's not just the Sabbath and the Holydays. We have to broaden our perspective if we are to see the bar is always righteousness. Verse 14

14Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!

Fill in all the words.

For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore, you will receive greater condemnation.

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They were all show, but in reality, parasites to those least needing that kind of treatment. Was this loving your neighbor as yourself? Hardly, and it seems as though Christ had an issue with their behavior. So, we can see here the indiscriminate breaking of many commandments, and they're not related to the Sabbath or the Holydays specifically. It's an entirely different class. It made me wonder when I read that, what about Ezekiel 34, verse 1 – 6?

1 And the word of Yehovah came to me, saying, 2“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says Yehovah to the shepherds: “Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? 3You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, but you do not feed the flock. 4The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them. 5So they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered. 6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching for them.”

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So, when He says, you devour widow's houses, the weak you have not strengthened. And Christ knew of that behavior, and pointed it out to them. In verse 15. (Of Matthew 23)

15“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

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They had no head, aside for themselves, and of course the God they served, who the Biblical Christ pointed out to them. They were in flagrant violation of the first commandment. The new convert, of course, would have them installed as their head, and not the Biblical Christ. And the Biblical Christ made it very clear that He was their head.

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So, these folks placed themselves in between the new convert, and was beholden to them, drawing attention to themselves. Can we see where Christ might have a bit of a problem with that? Verse 23

23“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!

Fill in the words.

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.

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Like many religions today, in contrast to being conformed to living by every word of God, which the real Christ taught, they picked and chose what was relevant to them and what was not. Isn't that actually the way it is in the Christian world today? Verse 25.

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.

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They were all show, when, in fact, their spirits were totally defiled. The Biblical Christ, whose spirit was not defiled by the same, saw it immediately, and pointed it out to them.

They made themselves look real pretty, as they might say in the physical, but they were defiled. And you know, if we turn to Romans 12, you can begin to join the dots here when you see the admonition to the ekklesia. Paul is reaching out, he says:

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of (the) God.

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Once again, you can see Paul pointing to the God. If we go on to verse 28. (Matthew 23) Christ commenting, pardon me, verse 27.

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.

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Christ was able to look through them, to the spirit that drove them, so that He would understand more fully and completely exactly where these guys were at.

28Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy

Put in those words again.

and lawlessness.

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29“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, 30and say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.’

31“Therefore, you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. 32Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers’ guilt. 33Serpents, brood of vipers!

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One might say that these people were filled with deceit. They built the monuments to God at the same time they killed His prophets when they were sent. And the real Christ was no exception; they did the same thing to Him, as their fathers did. They did the will of their father whom they were in covenant with. Notice the contrast with these hypocrites, who were deceitful to the nth degree with the people mentioned in Revelation 14.

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Verse 4 of Revelation 14.

4These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

Christ is their head.

These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. 5And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

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Can we see how Christ came and revolutionized the whole thing? He was the door to eternal life and He said so. And of course, it was very well received by the religious authorities of the day.

Those who know the will of God will purge deceit from their spirit. And once the ekklesia begin to use the tools given to them, as Christ and the Father have done so, the false become readily apparent.

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Once the false Christs are identified, we will then see the false father that has spawned them. If there is a false Christ, then you have a false father. And the false Christs are sons of the false father.

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Those of you how took the time to look up the festivals of Baal, will not be surprised that they are the same as those of the witches and the Druids. But how many will even look or join the dots? History tells us, not many, but the elect will do their homework. That's just something that they will do.

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You know, if we go to John 8; this is the Biblical Christ laying it down with things that we need to consider. So, John 8, verses 42 – 51. Arguing with the same people, or teaching them.

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.

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So, Christ is saying that He proceeded forth; all life comes from the Father. From God, and then the Father sent Him.

43 Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

44 You are of your father the devil,

These folks kept Sabbath, kept Holydays, kept clean and unclean, and Christ, the real Christ, the Biblical Christ identified them as being of their father, the devil. They were in covenant with the false father.

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44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

What did the religious leaders of the day, want to do to the door of eternal life for humanity?

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They wanted to murder Him. Why?

45 But because I tell the truth,

He was the door of the sheep.

you do not believe Me. 46Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth,

Which He did.

why do you not believe Me? 47He who is of God hears God's words; therefore, you do not hear,

You just don't.

because you are not of God." 48Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" 49Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. 50And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. 51Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word, he shall never see death."

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So, Christ, the Biblical Christ was entirely consistent in saying He is the door, He's the way; listen to Me, and yet they rejected Him and they stopped anyone they could from going to Christ, to ultimately receive salvation.

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Who was their father? Well, I think it's obvious that it was Satan. If Christ is the door, the Biblical Christ, does it stand to reason that Satan would build as many false Christs as he thinks folks will buy? I think the answer would have to be yes, of course he does. The world is honoring a false Christ right now, and they don't know it. And maybe they don't even care.

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If we go to II Thessalonians 2 and I'll just read verses 9 – 12 as we wind down here. It says:

9The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

Christ is the door, and you better make sure you know which one is right.

11And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

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Will God ultimately send a false Christ, or allow a false Christ to show up that people will believe?

12that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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And when we went though Matthew 23 could we not see the unrighteousness that the religious leaders of the day were wallowing in, and as such, showed who their father really was, even though they did some things that were in harmony with the will of God.

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So, you can see in II Thessalonians that one of tests that will come will involve righteousness. So, if there is a Christ that shows up that is unrighteous, maybe we better sit up and pay attention. The ekklesia will do so. They will know, but the test will come.

0:48:25

David said in Psalm 119:172 as we close.

172My tongue shall speak of Your word,

The one that we are to live by every word of.

for all Your commandments are righteousness.

So, it certainly behooves us to take a look at that, and look at the spiritual force behind the action of these potential deceiving spirits that are sent to test us and to try us. There are already all kinds of false Christs, and the world hasn't done much of a job of sorting them. We need to sort them.