

**Jesus' School of Discipleship**  
~ Teachings from the Sermon on the Mount ~

**“Watch Out For False Prophets”**

**Matthew 7:15-23**

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- Characteristics of false prophets and teachers – 2 Peter 2:1-3; Acts 20:28-31

They \_\_\_\_\_ Christians

They \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus

*“But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!”*

*Galatians 1:8 (NASB)*

I. Watch Out – Don't be Deceived!

*“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.”*

*Matthew 7:15 (NIV)*

They \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

They will \_\_\_\_\_ people to \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Jesus answered: ‘Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.’ ”*

*Matthew 24:4-5 (NIV)*

III. Obedience is what counts!

*“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only those who do the will of my Father who is in heaven. 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?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’ ”*

*Matthew 7:21-23 (TNIV)*

*“And many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.”*

*Matthew 24:11 (NIV)*

IV. Does Jesus know you?

*“But whoever loves God is known by God.”*

*1 Corinthians 8:3 (TNIV)*

II. How to recognize false prophets

*“By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.”*

*Matthew 7:16-20 (NIV)*



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