

# WHAT MADE JESUS MAD?

## What Made Jesus Mad? – When Hypocrisy Gets In the Way

Week 2

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**Opening Question:** When have you witnessed someone's actions not match up with their words? (When have you witnessed hypocrisy?)

### Discussion:

If you were unable to worship with us on Sunday, you can watch this week's sermon at [my.worthingtoncc.org/listen](http://my.worthingtoncc.org/listen).

1. Do you think hypocrisy is a choice, or is it the result of expectations? Why?
2. Read Matthew 23:1-30. Let's look at this text through three lenses. What is Jesus' message to the disciples? What is Jesus' message to the Pharisees? What is Jesus' message to us?
3. In Tim Harlow's book, *What Made Jesus Mad?*, he writes, "If you can't see yourself, you'll never fix yourself." Why is self-awareness important in our fight against hypocrisy? Why is honesty an important part of spiritual growth?
4. Let's look at Matthew 23:13 again. How does hypocrisy keep people from Jesus? When have you seen examples of this in today's church culture?

For further discussion - How does hypocrisy conflict with Jesus' mission? How is hypocrisy a distraction from God?

5. In Matthew 23, how would you describe Jesus' anger? What are some adjustments followers of Jesus need to make to be more authentic?

### Next Steps:

Visually think of looking into a spiritual mirror - what do you see? Am I authentically following Jesus? What adjustments do I need to make this week?

**Next Week: What Made Jesus Mad? – When Rules Get in the Way**