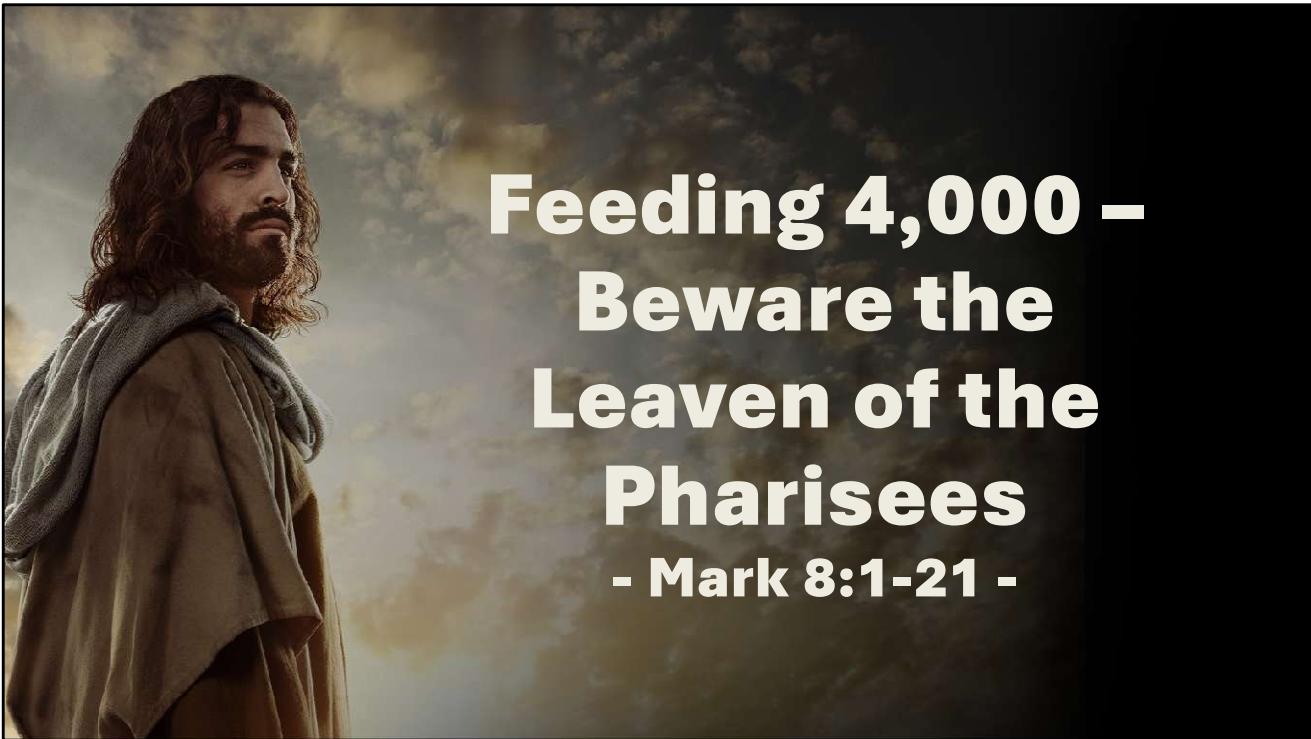




# **The Messiah We Didn't Expect**

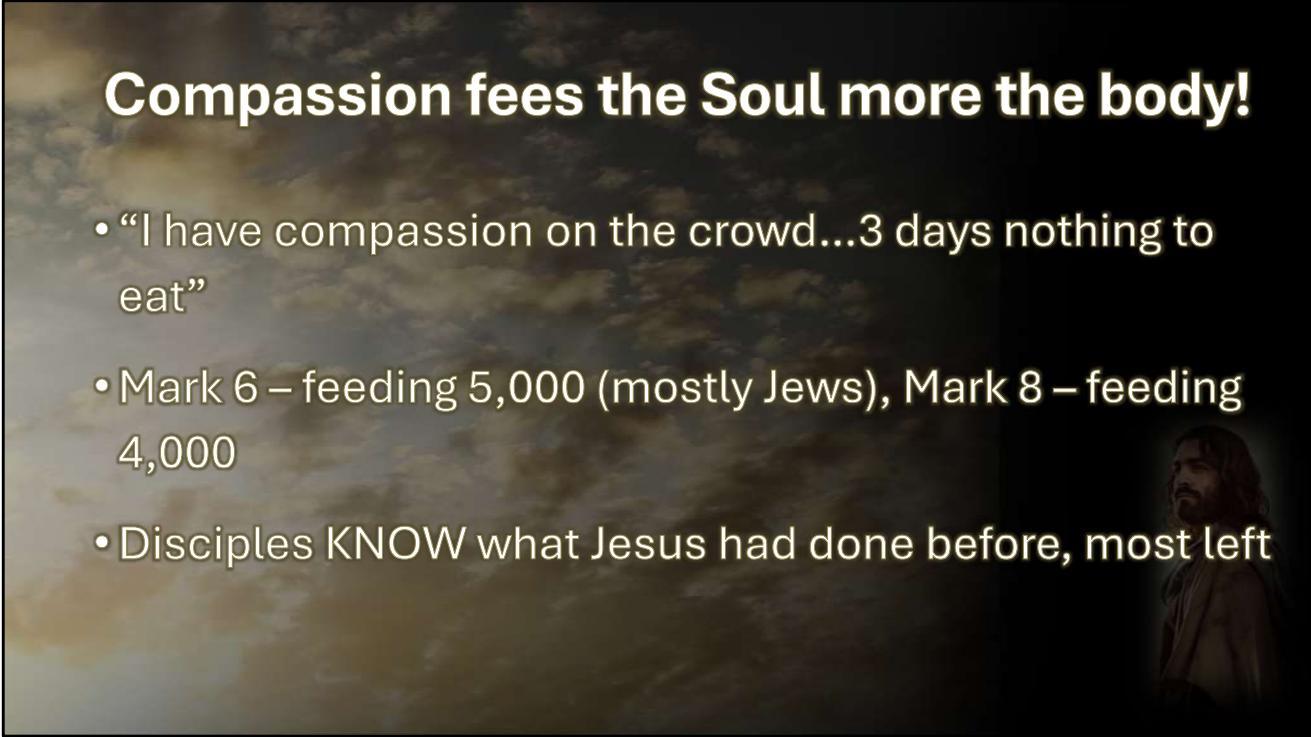


# **Feeding 4,000 - Beware the Leaven of the Pharisees**

**- Mark 8:1-21 -**

Mk 8:1-21

Beware the Leaven of the Pharisees



## Compassion fees the Soul more the body!

- “I have compassion on the crowd...3 days nothing to eat”
- Mark 6 – feeding 5,000 (mostly Jews), Mark 8 – feeding 4,000
- Disciples KNOW what Jesus had done before, most left

**Compassion feeds the Soul more than the body! We have far deeper needs and He has far greater compassion than we first thought!**

[Jhn 6:14 ESV] 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

Jhn 6:66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.

[Mar 8:2 ESV] 2 "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat.

[Mar 8:3-4 ESV] 3 And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away." 4 And his disciples answered him, "How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?"

[Mar 8:5-7 ESV] 5 And he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." 6 And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. 7 And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them.

[Mar 8:8-10 ESV] 8 And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. 9 And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. 10 And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

[Jhn 6:26 ESV] 26 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

[Jhn 6:53 ESV] 53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

[Mat 4:1, 3-4 ESV] 1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ... 3 And the tempter came and said to him, "**If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.**" 4 But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

[Deu 8:3 ESV] 3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

[Jhn 6:63 ESV] 63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

[Jhn 4:31-34 ESV] 31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." 32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." 33 So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" 34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.

[Jhn 1:21 ESV] 21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."

[Jhn 4:19, 25, 42 ESV] 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ... 25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ... 42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

[Jhn 7:40 ESV] 40 When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet."

[Mat 11:3 ESV] 3 and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

[Mat 21:11 ESV] 11 And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

[Luk 7:16 ESV] 16 Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

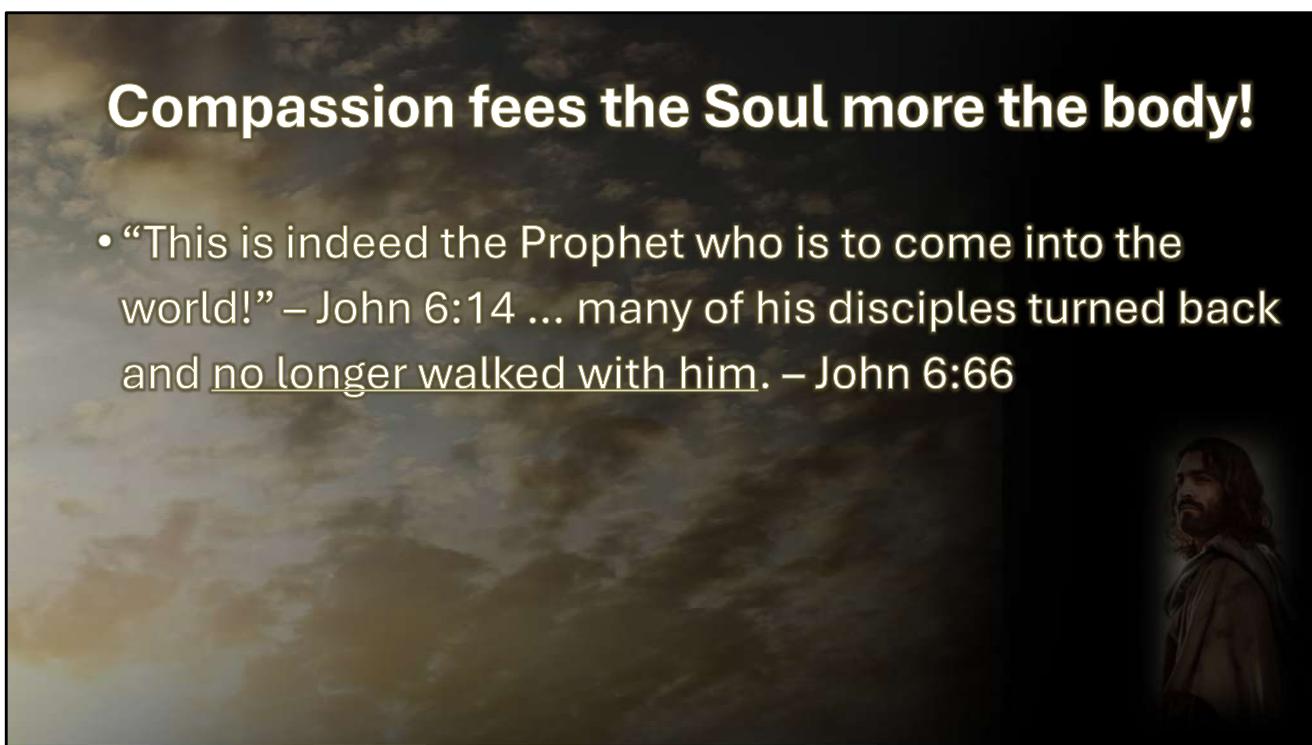
[Luk 24:19 ESV] 19 And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

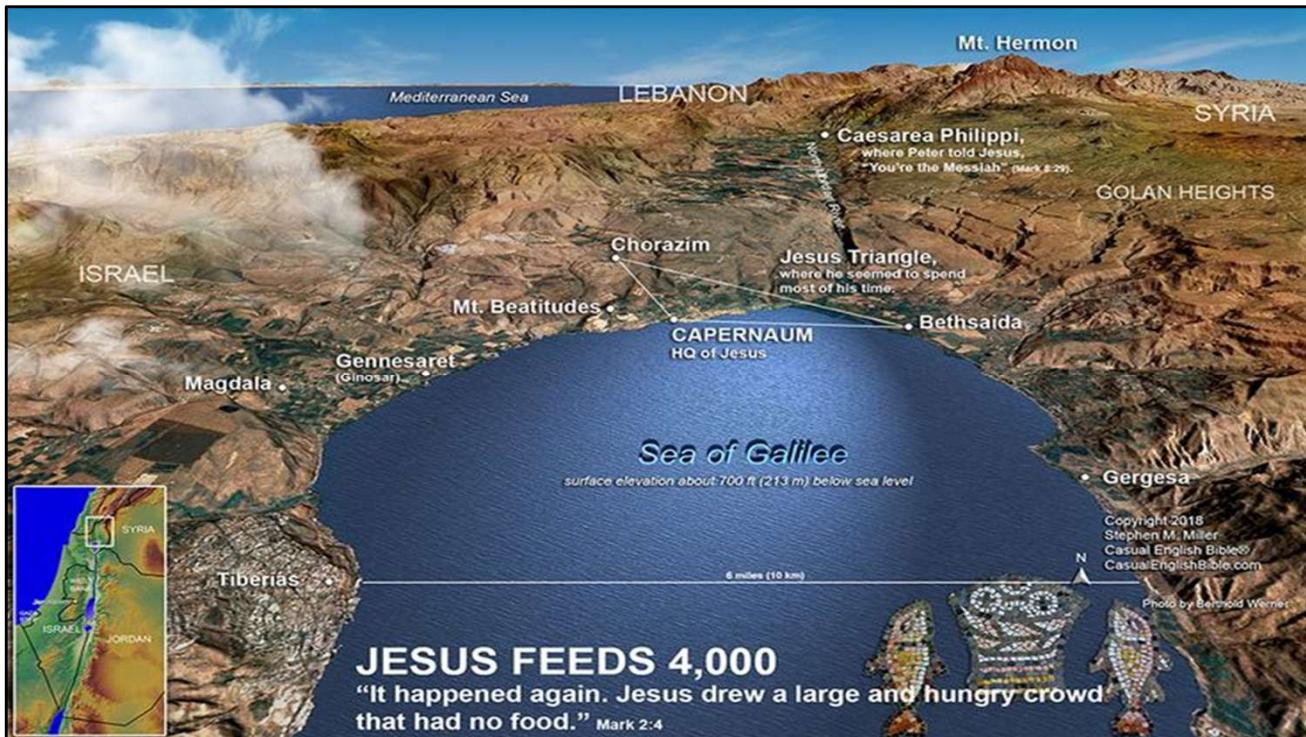
[Act 3:22-24 ESV] 22 Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. 23 And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.' 24 And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days.

[Act 7:37 ESV] 37 This is the Moses who said to the Israelites, 'God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers.'

# Compassion fees the Soul more the body!

- “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!” – John 6:14 ... many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. – John 6:66





5000 Jews fed north shore

4000 Gentiles fed southeast shore, below Gergesa

# Comparison of Feeding the 5,000 and the 4,000

MARK 6:34-44

- Feeding of the 5,000
- One Day
- Mostly Jews
- Bethsaida on the northeastern shore of the Sea of Galilee
- 5 loaves and 2 fish
- 12 small baskets of leftovers

MARK 8:1-9

- Feeding of the 4,000
- Three Days
- Mostly Gentiles
- Decapolis on the southeastern shore of the Sea of Galilee
- 7 loaves and a few small fish
- 7 large baskets of leftovers

- In Mk.8 they weren't fed for 3 days!! Did they expect feeding day of like before? No, They stayed!
- In both cases – desolate places! [Mar 8:8-10 ESV] 8 And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. 9 And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. 10 And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.
- In both Cases, immediately got in a boat!! Mar 6:45, Mar 8:10
- In both cases there were lessons missed!!
- [Deu 7:1 ESV] 1 "When the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, **seven nations more numerous and mightier than you**,
- [Act 13:19 ESV] 19 And after **destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan**, he gave them their land as an inheritance.

[Mar 6:51-52 ESV] 51 And he got into the boat with them, and **the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded**, 52 for **they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.**

[Mar 7:18 ESV] 18 And he said to them, "**Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see**

that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him,

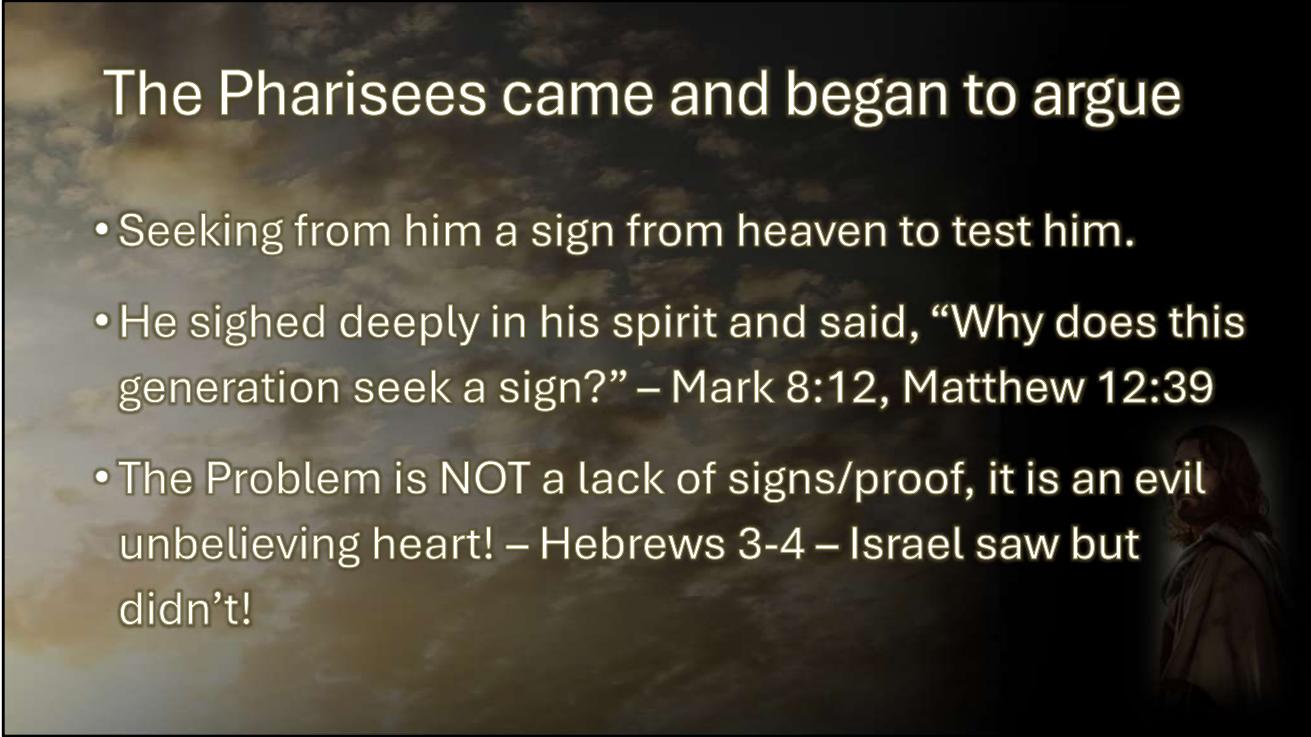
[Mar 8:17-18, 21 ESV] 17 And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? 18 Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? ... 21 And he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?""

They didn't understand in Mak,6, Mk.7 Mk8

They should've understood Jesus Power and care multiplying the fish and bread and that He was capable in the storm!!

They should've understood that when he fed the 4000 and the Pharisees demanded signs, that there was another deeper lesson. Similar to mustard seeds, a little can affect the whole! Doubts, criticism...

[Mat 16:9-11 ESV] 9 Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? 10 Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? 11 How is it that you fail to understand that I did not speak about bread? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."



# The Pharisees came and began to argue

- Seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him.
- He sighed deeply in his spirit and said, “Why does this generation seek a sign?” – Mark 8:12, Matthew 12:39
- The Problem is NOT a lack of signs/proof, it is an evil unbelieving heart! – Hebrews 3-4 – Israel saw but didn’t!

## Miracles so far in Mark:

1:23 Cast out Evil spirit in synagogue

1:29-34 Heal Peters Mom in law, many diseases, Demons, 1:39

1:40-42 Leper

2:1-12 Paralytic, Never seen anything like this!

3:1- Shriveled hand

4:35 – Calmed storm! Whom is this, even the winds obey Him

5:1- Demon possessed man, in chains, Legion, Casts into pigs, Plead with Jesus to leave

5:21- Jairus daughter, Dead! Woman with 12 yo blood

6:30- Fed 5000

6:45- Walks on water! 52 Loaves, Hearts were hard!

7:24- Syrophenician woman, possessed daughter,

7:31 Deaf and Mute

8 Fed the 4000, wasn’t a fluke!

**YET the Pharisees demanded MORE!!! To Argue! To Test Him!**

**Jesus raised the Dead, Raised Himself from the Dead and they still rejected Him! Lk.16 They**

won't believe IF raised from dead!

[Mar 8:11-12 ESV] 11 The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him. 12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation."

[Jhn 11:33 ESV] 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.

[Mar 6:6 ESV] 6 And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.

[Luk 16:29-31 ESV] 29 But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'

[Luk 22:67-70 ESV] 67 "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, 68 and if I ask you, you will not answer. 69 But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." 70 So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am."

Jhn 12:37-40, 42-43 Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, 38 so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" 39 Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, 40 "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them." ... 42 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess

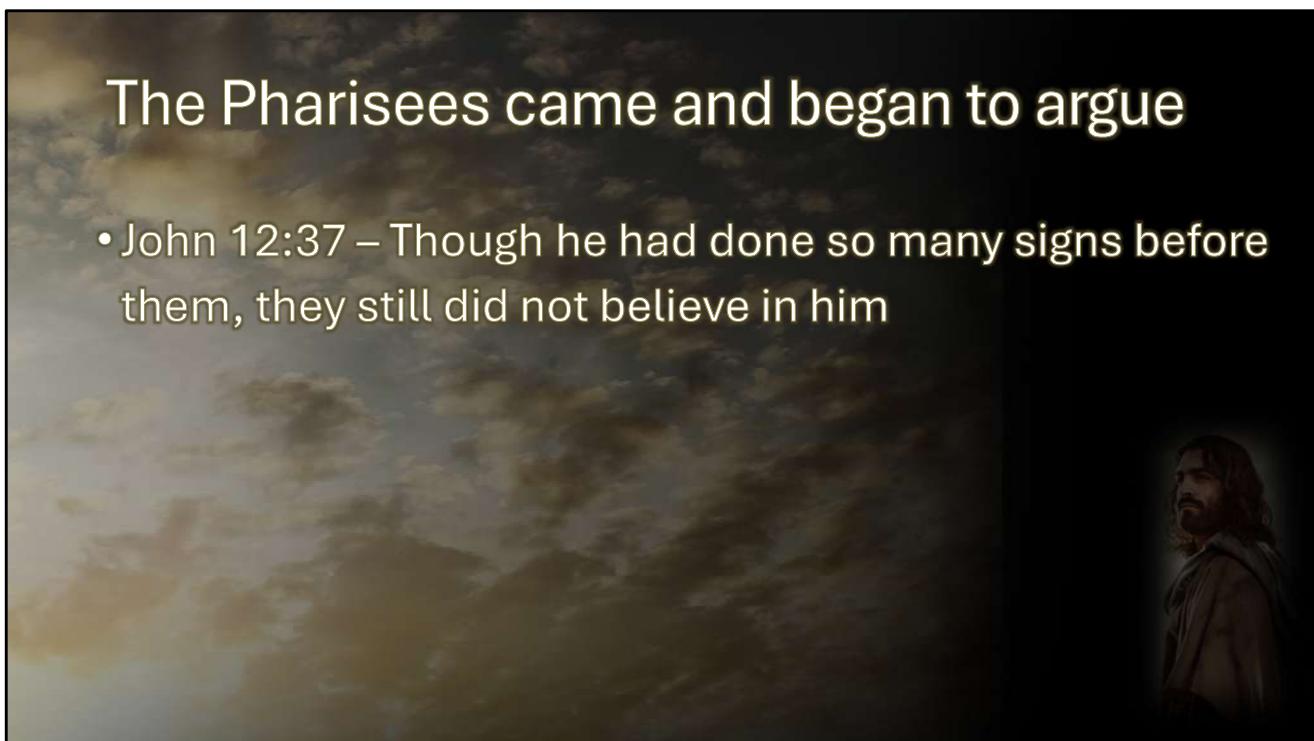
it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

[Mat 12:39-40 ESV] 39 But he answered them, "**An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.**  
**40 For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**

[Mat 16:4 ESV] 4 An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah." So he left them and departed.

## The Pharisees came and began to argue

- John 12:37 – Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him



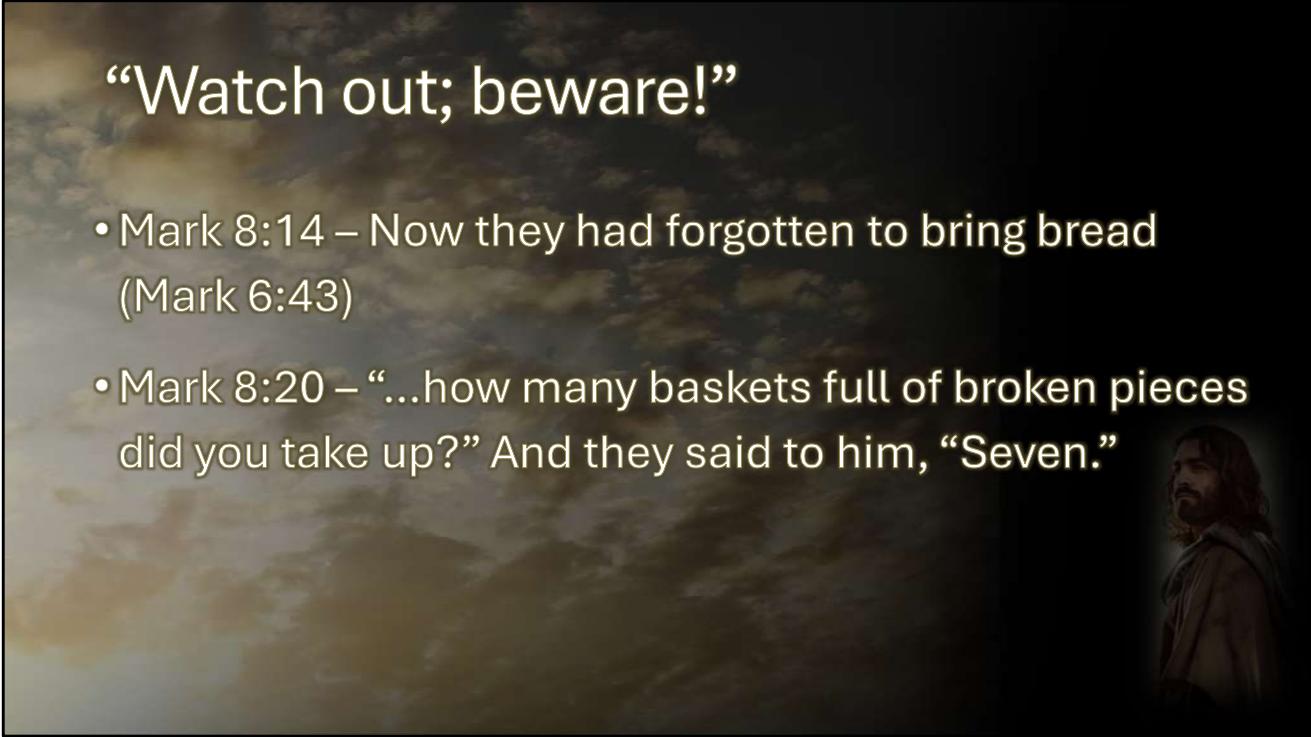
**“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to their playmates, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn”**

**Matthew 11:16-17**



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**When I tell you to jump, you are to ask how High?!!**



## “Watch out; beware!”

- Mark 8:14 – Now they had forgotten to bring bread (Mark 6:43)
- Mark 8:20 – “...how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” And they said to him, “Seven.”

**After picking up all the leftovers, what else for??? They Forgot the bread???**

[Mar 8:14-15 ESV] 14 **Now they had forgotten to bring bread**, and **they had only one loaf with them** in the boat. 15 And **he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."**

[Mar 8:20 ESV] 20 "And the seven for the four thousand, **how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven.**"

[Mar 8:16-21 ESV] 16 And **they began discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread.** 17 **And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? 18 Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? 19 When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They said to him, "Twelve.** 20 "And the seven for the four thousand, **how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven.** 21 And he said to them, **"Do you not yet understand?"**

[Mar 6:43 ESV] 43 And **they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.**

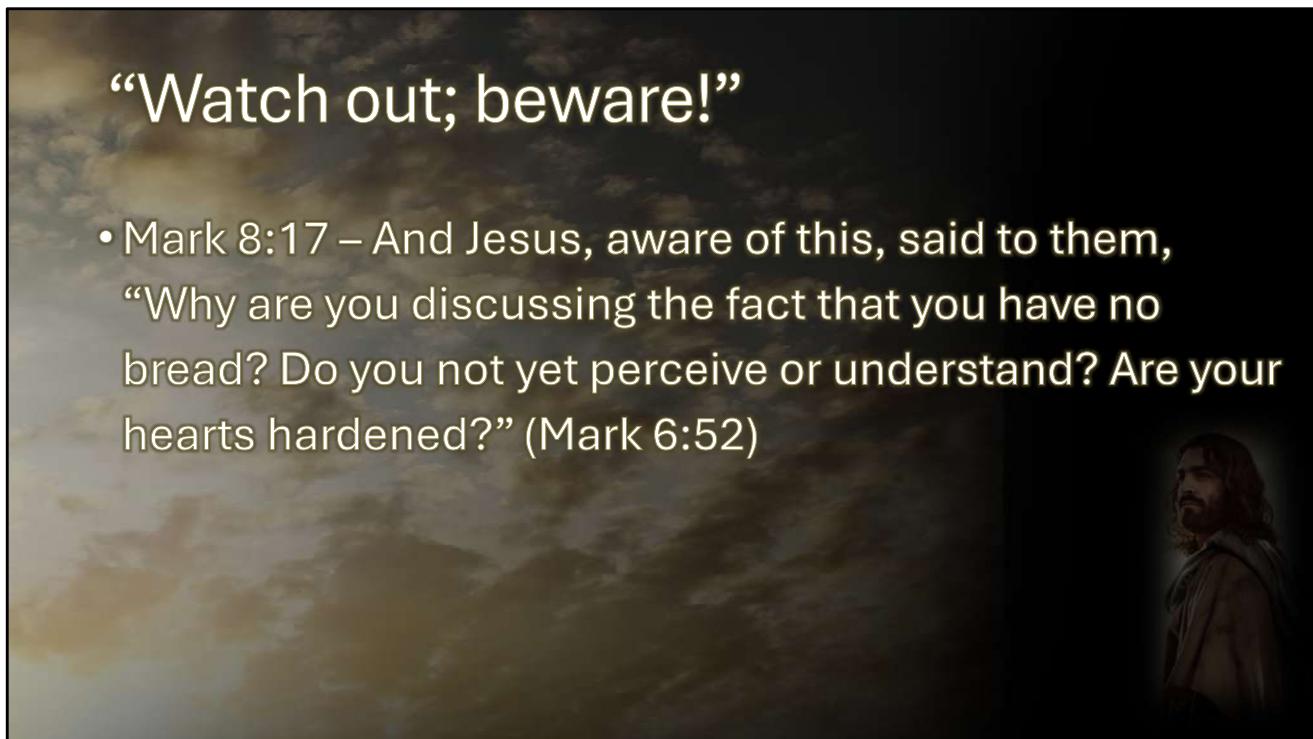
[Mar 6:50-52 ESV] 50 for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." 51 And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased.

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Mar 8:21 And he said to them, "**Do you not yet understand?**"

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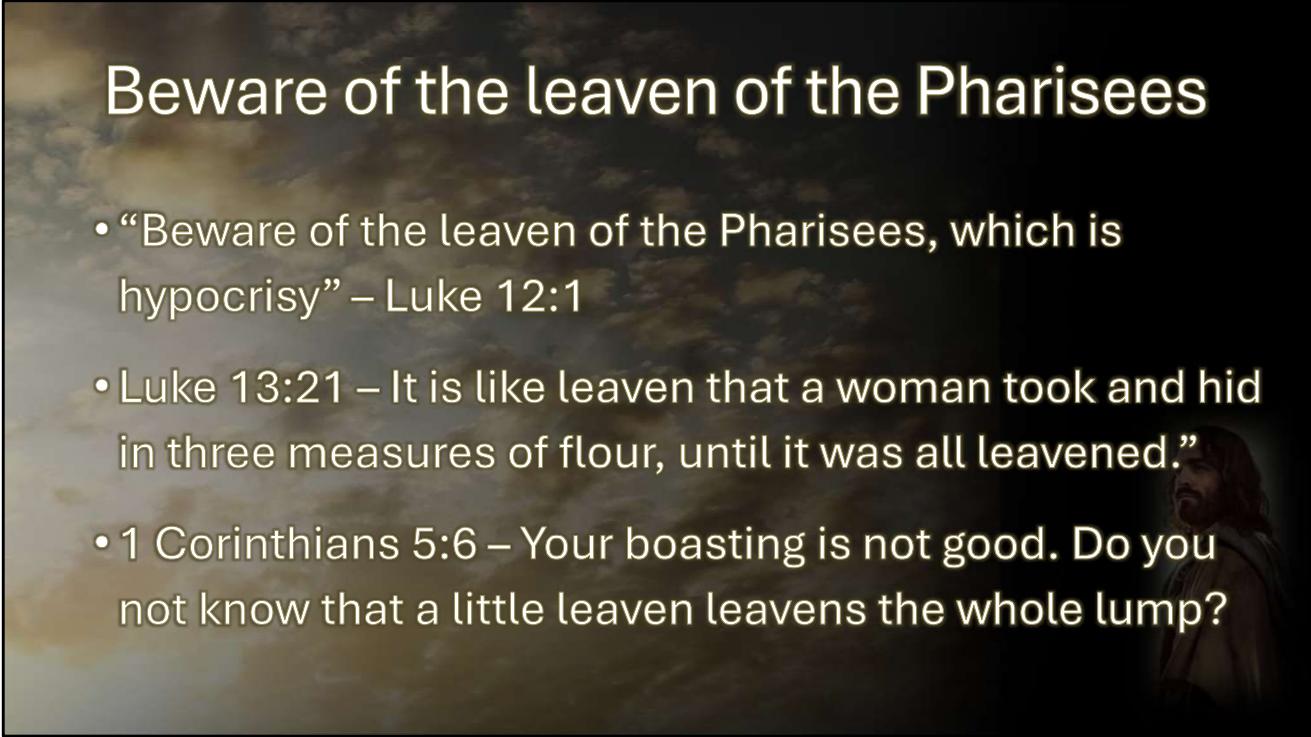
Some Pharisees were followers of Jesus, despite the group's general opposition to his ministry. Key examples include [Nicodemus](#), a Sanhedrin member who defended Jesus and helped with his burial, and [Joseph of Arimathea](#). Paul!

Additionally, Acts 15:5 indicates that some Pharisees became believers in the early church.

[Act 15:4-5 ESV] 4 When they came to Jerusalem, **they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders**, and they declared all that God had done with them. 5 **But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up** and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses."

[Jhn 7:48 ESV] 48 **Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him?**

[Jhn 12:37, 42-43 ESV] 37 **Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ... 42 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.**



# Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees

- “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy” – Luke 12:1
- Luke 13:21 – It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened.”
- 1 Corinthians 5:6 – Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

**Hypocrisy!**

**Boasting/Pride!** 1Cor.5

**Lk.13 Leaven isn't always BAD. Be careful in Interpreting symbols, metaphors, Illus....**

Leaven has a similar effect as Mustard seeds!

**Leaven:**

[Mat 13:33 ESV] 33 He told them another parable. "**The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.**"

[Mat 16:6, 11-12 ESV] 6 Jesus said to them, "Watch and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." ... 11 **How is it that you fail to understand that I did not speak about bread?** Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." 12 **Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.**

[Mar 8:15 ESV] 15 And he cautioned them, saying, "**Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.**"

[Luk 12:1 ESV] 1 In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, "**Beware of the leaven of the**

## Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

[Luk 13:20 ESV] 20 And again he said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God?

[Luk 13:21 ESV] 21 It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened."

[1Co 5:6-8 ESV] 6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that **a little leaven leavens the whole lump?** 7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with **the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

[Gal 5:9 ESV] 9 **A little leaven leavens the whole lump.**

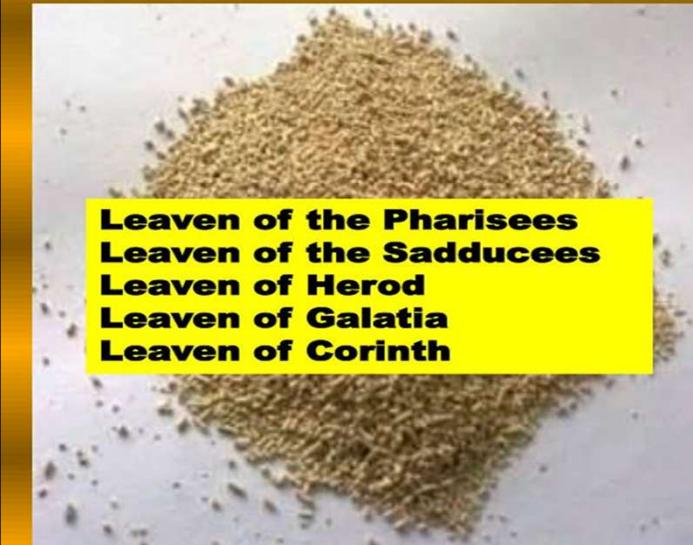
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[1Co 1:18, 22-23, 26-28, 31 ESV] 18 **For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ... 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ... 26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ... 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."**

# FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

**There are Five types of Leaven mentioned in the New Testament**

**Leaven of the Pharisees  
Leaven of the Sadducees  
Leaven of Herod  
Leaven of Galatia  
Leaven of Corinth**



Mat 16:12 ESV] 12 Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the **Pharisees and Sadducees**.

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**1Co 5:8** Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**[Gal 5:9 ESV] 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump.**

[1Co 5:2, 6, 8 ESV] 2 And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. ... 6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that **a little leaven leavens the whole lump?** ... 8 Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, **the leaven of malice and evil**, but with **the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth**.

[Gal 5:2, 4, 6 ESV] 2 Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ... 4 You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ... 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

Mat 23:23 "Woe to you, **scribes and Pharisees**, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and

have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.

# Woe! Whoa!

- But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
- Hypocrites! an actor, “appearances”, “be seen”
  - 7 Woes! – Matthew 23:13-29
  - 3x called Vipers – Matthew 3:7, 12:34, 23:33
  - Praised, Position, Profit, Power, Preference! Pride!
  - Double standards, - Matthew 6! – Judge self 1<sup>st</sup>!



**7 Woes! 6 include Scribes and called Hypocrites. Also called Vipers (like lucifer in Eden?) Prestige**

[Mat 23:13, 15-16, 23, 25, 27, 29 ESV] 13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in. ....

15 **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

16 "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.' ....

23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. ....

25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ....

27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. ....

29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous, [Mat 23:30 ESV] 30 saying, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.'

[Mat 23:33 ESV] 33 You serpents, **you brood of vipers**, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?

[Mat 22:18-19 ESV] 18 **But Jesus, aware of their malice**, said, "**Why put me to the test, you hypocrites?** 19 Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.

[Mat 6:2 ESV] 2 "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, **that they may be praised by others**. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

[Mat 6:5, 16 ESV] 5 "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, **that they may be seen by others**. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ... 16 "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

[Mat 7:5 ESV] 5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

[Mat 15:7 ESV] 7 You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

[Mar 7:6 ESV] 6 And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

**Luk 12:48** But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. **Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required**, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

**Jas 3:1** Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for **you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness**. [Jas 3:2 ESV] 2 **For we all stumble in many ways**. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.

[Mar 10:45 ESV] 45 For **even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life** as a ransom for many."

[Jer 23:1-2, 4 ESV] 1 "**Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!**" **declares the LORD**. 2 Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel,

concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, **and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ... 4 I will set shepherds over them who will care for them**, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

## **Pharisees**

[Mat 3:7 ESV] 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

[Mat 5:20 ESV] 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

[Mat 9:11, 14, 34 ESV] 11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ... 14 Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" ... 34 But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

[Mat 12:2, 14, 24, 38 ESV] 2 But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath." ... 14 But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him. ... 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons." ... 38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."

[Mat 15:1, 12 ESV] 1 Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, ... 12 Then the disciples came and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?"

[Mat 16:1, 6, 11-12 ESV] 1 And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test him they asked him to show them a sign from heaven. ... 6 Jesus said to them, "Watch and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." ... 11 How is it that you fail to understand that I did not speak about bread? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." 12 Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

[Mat 19:3 ESV] 3 And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?"

[Mat 21:45 ESV] 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them.

[Mat 22:15, 34, 41 ESV] 15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ... 34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ... 41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question,

[Mat 23:2, 13, 15, 23, 25, 27, 29 ESV] 2 "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, ... 13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in. ... 15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves. ... 23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. ... 25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ... 27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. ... 29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous,

[Mat 27:62 ESV] 62 The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate

[Mar 2:16, 18, 24 ESV] 16 And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ... 18 Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" ... 24 And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

[Mar 3:6 ESV] 6 The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

[Mar 7:1, 3, 5 ESV] 1 Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ... 3 (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, ... 5 And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

[Mar 8:11, 15 ESV] 11 The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him. ... 15 And he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

[Mar 10:2 ESV] 2 And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

[Mar 12:13 ESV] 13 And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk.

[Luk 5:17, 21, 30, 33 ESV] 17 On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. ... 21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ... 30 And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" ... 33 And they said to him, "The disciples of John fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink."

[Luk 6:2, 7 ESV] 2 But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?" ... 7 And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him.

[Luk 7:30, 36 ESV] 30 but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.) ... 36 One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table.

[Luk 11:39, 42-43 ESV] 39 And the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ... 42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. 43 Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seat in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces.

[Luk 11:53 ESV] 53 As he went away from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press him hard and to provoke him to speak about many things,

[Luk 12:1 ESV] 1 In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

[Luk 13:31 ESV] 31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."

[Luk 14:1, 3 ESV] 1 One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ... 3 And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?"

[Luk 15:2 ESV] 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

[Luk 16:14 ESV] 14 The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him.

[Luk 17:20 ESV] 20 Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed,

[Luk 19:39 ESV] 39 And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples."

[Jhn 1:24 ESV] 24 (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.)

[Jhn 3:1 ESV] 1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

[Jhn 4:1 ESV] 1 Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John

[Jhn 7:32, 45, 47-48 ESV] 32 The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. ... 45 The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" ... 47 The Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived? 48 Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him?"

[Jhn 8:3, 13 ESV] 3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst ... 13 So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true."

[Jhn 9:13, 15-16, 40 ESV] 13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ... 15 So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ... 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?"

[Jhn 11:46-47, 57 ESV] 46 but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. 47 So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ... 57 Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where he was, he should let them know, so that they might arrest him.

[Jhn 12:19, 42 ESV] 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him." ... 42 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue;

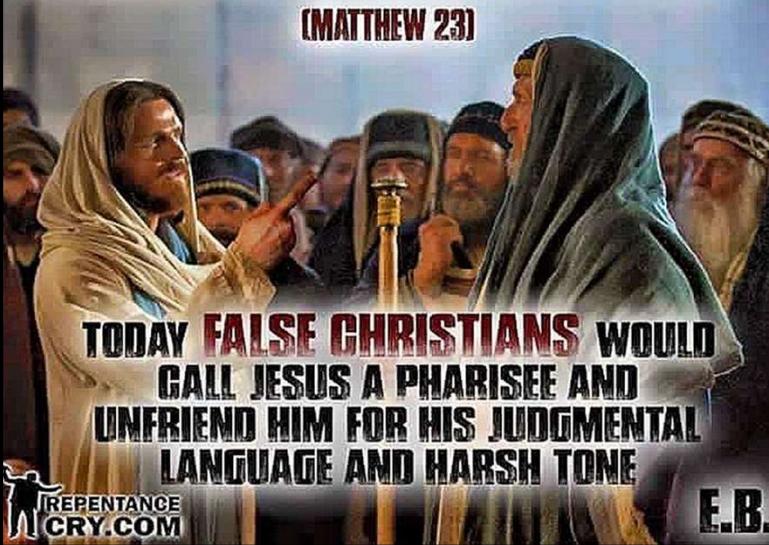
[Jhn 18:3 ESV] 3 So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

[Act 15:5 ESV] 5 But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses."

[Act 23:6-9 ESV] 6 Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial." 7 And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. 8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all. 9 Then a great clamor arose, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees' party stood up and contended sharply, "We find nothing wrong in this man. What if a spirit or an angel spoke to him?"

**"HYPOCRITES! FOOLS! BLIND GUIDES!  
SNAKES! VIPERS! CHILDREN OF HELL!"**

**(MATTHEW 23)**



**TODAY FALSE CHRISTIANS WOULD  
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# Don't be puffed up! Inflated

- That none of you may be puffed up is favor of one against another – 1 Corinthians 4:6; 2 Corinthians 10:12
- You have countless guides in Christ, you do not have fathers...talk or power...Love – 1 Corinthians 4:14
- “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up  
– 1 Corinthians 8:1
- John 3:30 – He must increase, but I must decrease.

[1Co 8:1 ESV] 1 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This **"knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up.**

[1Co 13:4 ESV] 4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not **arrogant**

[1Co 4:4-7 ESV] 4 For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. 5 Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God. 6 I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, **that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another.** 7 For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

David and job were overlooked!

[1Co 4:14-15, 18-21 ESV] 14 I do not write these things to make you ashamed, **but to admonish you as my beloved children.** 15 For **though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers.** For **I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.** ... 18 **Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you.** 19 But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. 20 **For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.** 21 What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in

a spirit of gentleness? (vs.18 arrogant is word for puffed up, Same as 1Cor13 love is not arrogant)

[Col 2:18 ESV] 18 Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, **puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind,**

[1Ti 3:6 ESV] 6 He **must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.**

## Puffer Fish!



<https://www.facebook.com/auroraborealisobservatory/videos/puffer-fish-release-water-in-hand/339820336655976/>

[Hab 2:4 ESV] 4 "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

[1Co 4:6 ESV] 6 I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another.

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[1Ti 6:4 ESV] 4 he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions,

# Are you a Pharisee?

- Are you legalistic, Judgmental or condescending?
- Are you driven by law or Love?
- Are you Hypocritical? (Not a .300 hitter)
- Are you humbled often in worship or bragging how much you have done? Or have not done? (sins) \_
- Do you walk in flesh or Spirit?



LEGALISTIC REMORSE SAYS,

*"I broke God's rules,"*

WHILE REAL REPENTANCE SAYS,

*"I broke God's heart."*

Tim Keller

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**Legalistic remorse says I broke Gods rules**

**Real repentance says I broke Gods heart!**

# Are you a disciple?

- Do you have a broken and contrite spirit?
- Do you often seek God?
- Are you more concerned with your heart and character than appearance and reputation?
- Filled with Spirit more than putting on ‘airs’?
- Are you full of Joy, more than Anger?



**Do you argue and dissect why there's only 1 loaf of bread or see the folly of the Pharisees? Did Disciples assume Jesus was blasting them for forgetting the leftovers? Or Ignoring the contempt of the Pharisees and the hard heart to look right past the most recent miracles!**

**More about blame or learning truth?**

**When you see Jesus' power on the quiet peaceful hillsides do you trust that same power in the storm?**

**Do you believe God still does miracles? Every day? Do you see them? Do they embolden you?**

**Are you bewareing your own heart and its unbelief, that its prone to?**

**Are you watching for Pride to rise up in your heart? It must be crucified every day!**

**Were the disciple's fixated on the nice lunch and could Jesus do that with Steak and lobster too? While Jesus Marvels at their unbelief!**

Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh,  
arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he  
that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin. **1 Peter 4:1**

But what things were  
gain to me: those I counted  
loss for Christ  
**PHILIPPIANS 3:7**

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;  
knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. **James 1:2-3**

For thy  
sake  
we are killed  
all the  
day long  
**Romans 8:35-6**

And they  
that are  
Christ's  
have crucified  
the flesh  
with the  
affections  
and lusts  
**GALATIANS 5:24**

# I Die Daily

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:31**

But and if ye suffer  
for righteousness' sake,  
Knowing this,  
that our old man  
is crucified with him,  
that the body of sin  
might be destroyed, that henceforth  
we should not serve sin. **Romans 6:6**

For if ye live  
after  
the flesh,  
ye shall  
die:  
but if ye  
through  
the spirit  
do mortify  
the deeds of the body,  
ye shall live.  
**Romans 8:12**

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live  
in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. **GALATIANS 2:20**

## THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS IS DEATH TO THE SELF



**1 CORINTHIANS 15:31 KJV**  
I PROTEST BY YOUR REJOICING WHICH I HAVE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

**I DIE DAILY.**  
**LUKE 9:23 KJV**  
AND HE SAID TO THEM ALL, IF ANY MAN WILL COME AFTER ME,  
**LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, AND**  
**TAKE UP HIS CROSS DAILY,**  
**AND FOLLOW ME.**

# Boast? Only in the Lord!

- Do you live by the golden rule?
- Do you show favoritism or grace and love to all whom Christ embraces?
- Do you expect from yourself what you do from others?
- Do you ask God to search you? - Psalm 139:23-24
- Can you extend forgiveness to all whom Christ does?

**[1Co 1:31 ESV] 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."**

**Do you ask God to show you your sin, confess it, repent of it and turn away from it? Or manage it?**

**[Psa 19:13 ESV] 13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**

**[Psa 139:23 ESV] 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!**

**[Psa 139:24 ESV] 24 And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!**

**[Psa 139:1 ESV] 1 To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. O LORD, you have searched me and known me!**

**[Psa 26:2 ESV] 2 Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.**

**[Job 31:6 ESV] 6 (Let me be weighed in a just balance, and let God know my integrity!)**

**[Pro 17:3 ESV] 3 The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, and the LORD tests hearts.**

[Mal 3:2 ESV] 2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.

[1Pe 1:7 ESV] 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith--more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

[1Co 4:2-5 ESV] 2 Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. 3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. 4 For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. 5 Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

# Who are the Modern Pharisees? And Why do they Still Get it Wrong?

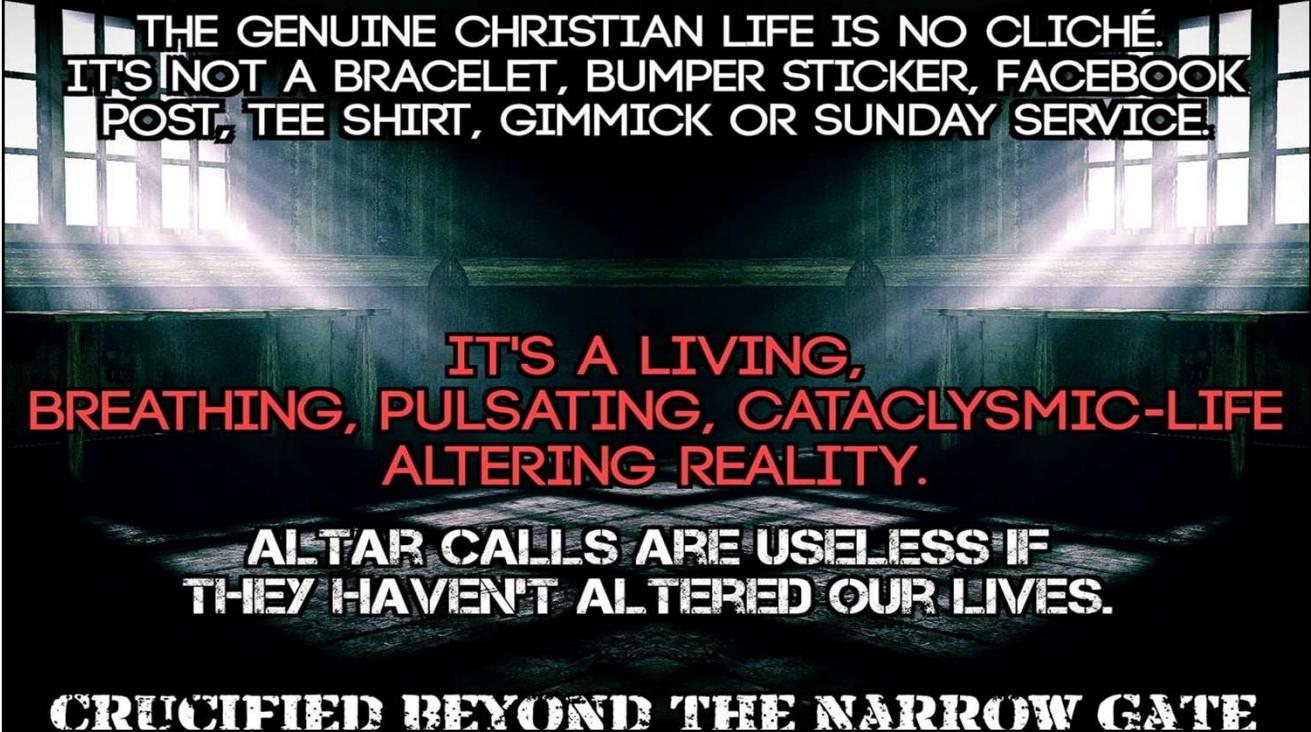




**WE ARE CALLED TO REPENT OF**  
**THE ORIGINAL SIN THAT DISTORTS US,**  
**THE ACTUAL SIN THAT DISTRACTS US,**  
**& THE INDWELLING SIN THAT MANIPULATES US.**  
**THIS IS A HIGH AND HARD CALLING.**

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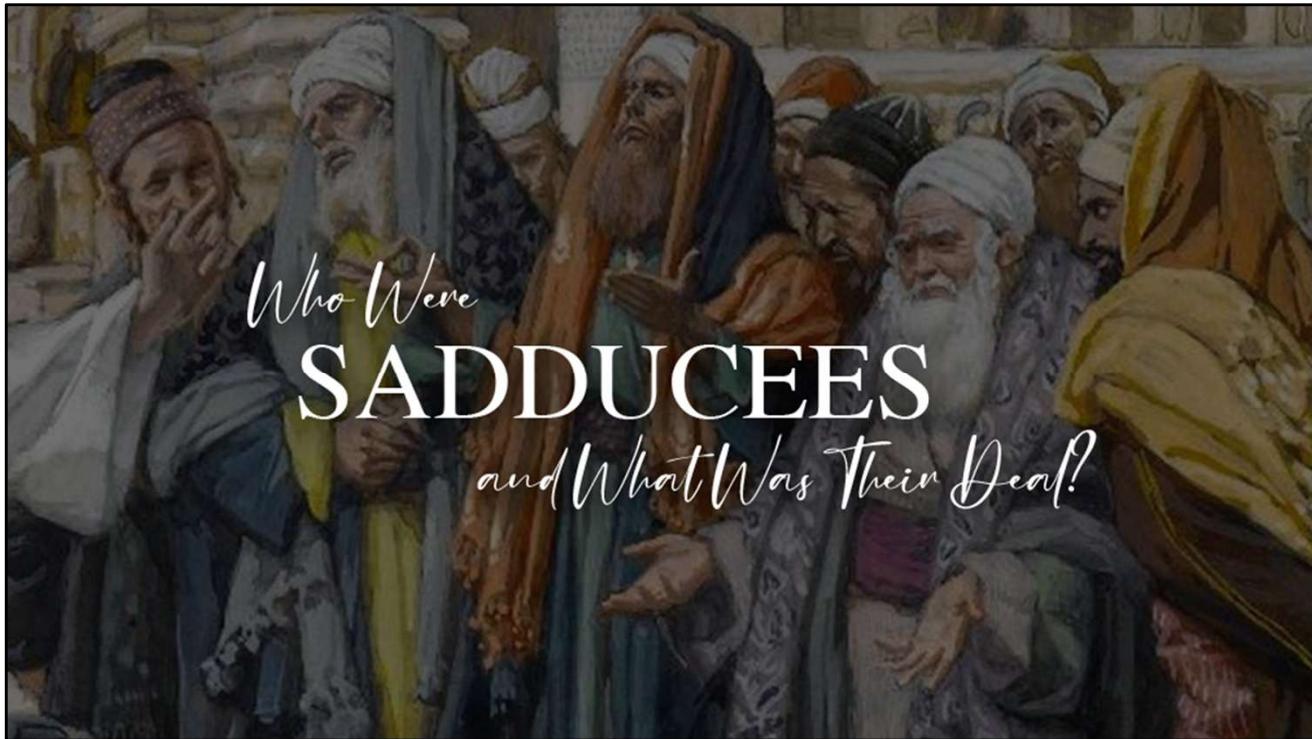
THE GENUINE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS NO CLICHÉ.  
IT'S NOT A BRACELET, BUMPER STICKER, FACEBOOK  
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IT'S A LIVING,  
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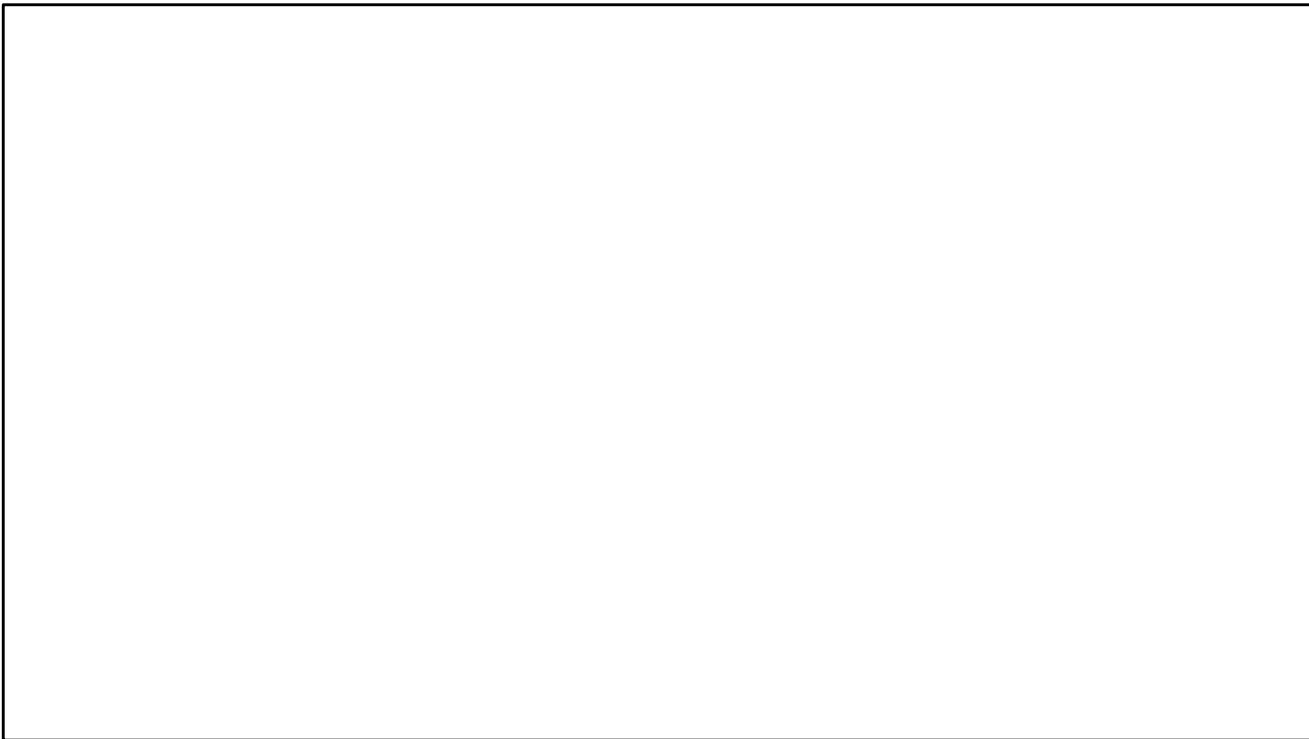


**They didn't believe in the Supernatural: Miracles, Resurrection...they were 'Sad you See'!**

**Sadducees were Liberals**

**Pharisees were Conservatives!**

**[Act 5:17 ESV] 17 But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy**



# PHARISEES

Law



Interpretations of the Torah

Middle Class

Resurrection of the Dead

Belief in Afterlife

Rejected the Jewish Leaders

# SADDUCEES

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Torah Alone

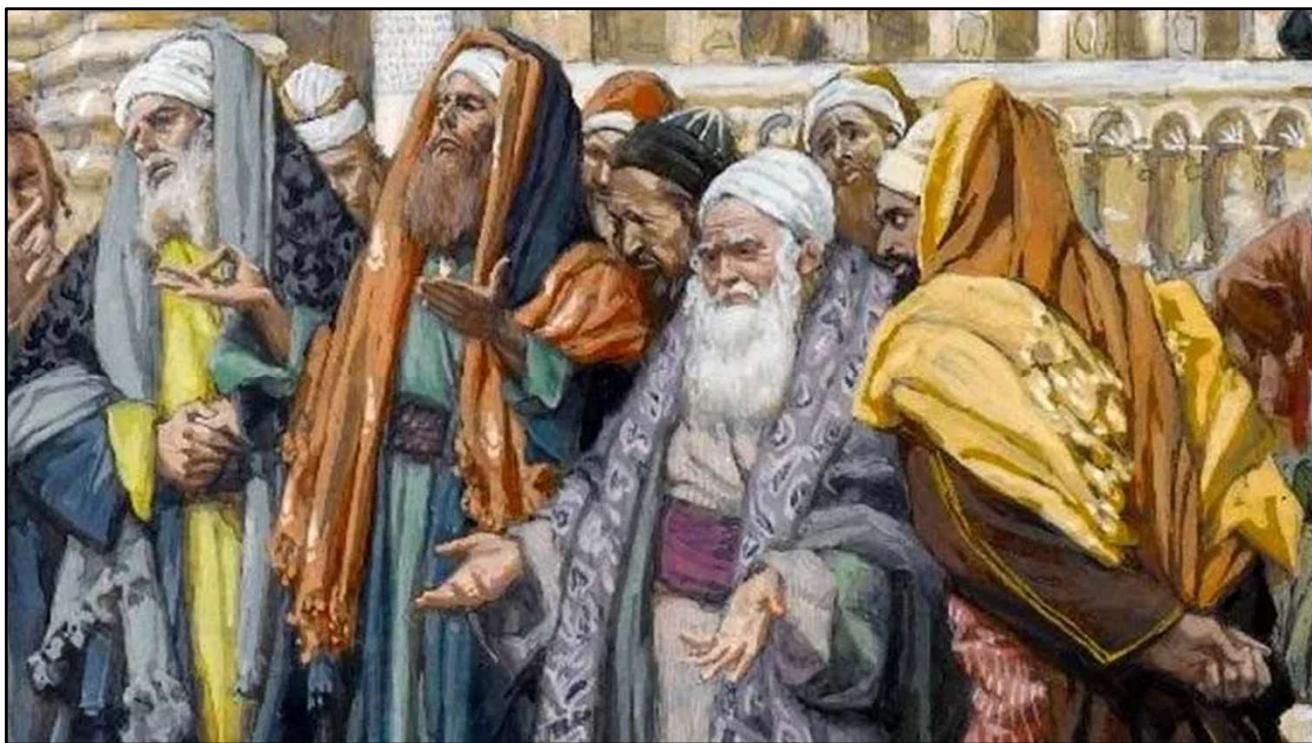
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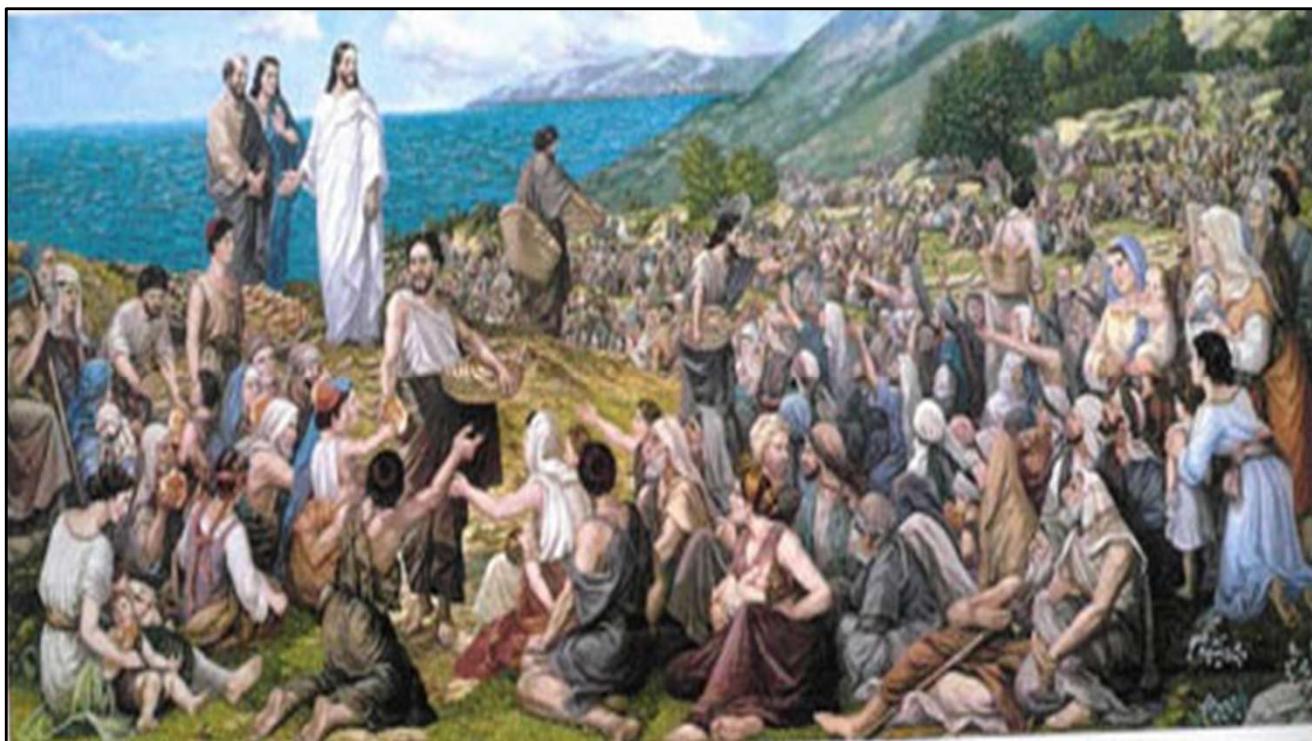


## The Leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees

Matthew 16:5-12

But to what shall I compare this generation?  
It is like children sitting in the marketplace.  
Matthew 11:16

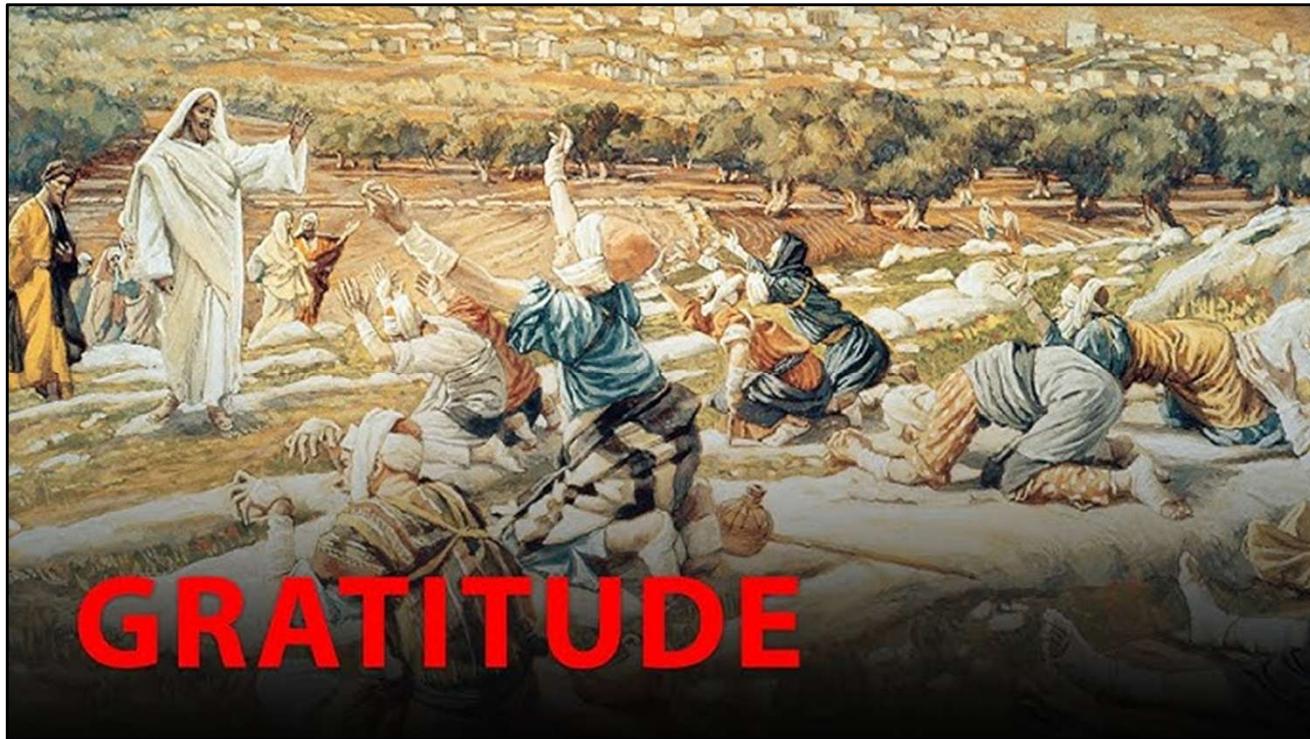




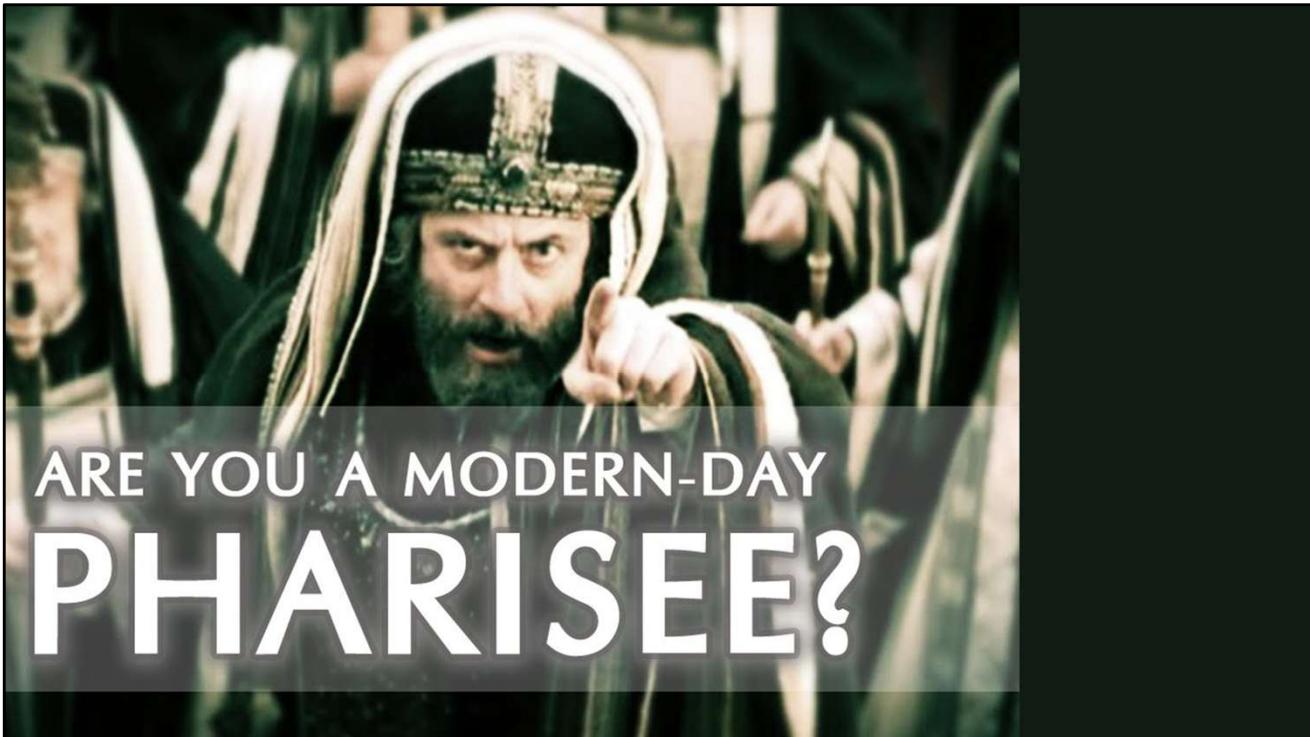
**"But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."**



**"Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees."**







ARE YOU A MODERN-DAY  
**PHARISEE?**



