

The Markings of a False Teacher 2 Peter 2:1-3

We need to live with the awareness that there are false prophets and false teachers.

Jeremiah 23:16-17

2 Timothy 4:2-5

Matthew 24:11-13

Identifying marks of a false teacher:

1. They secretly introduce destructive heresies

2 Peter 2:1 ...They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them... (NIV)

Jude 4

2. They deny the true nature of Jesus

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1 John 1:8

A common denominator of the cults is their Christology and soteriology.

3. Many will follow their "shameful" ways.

2 Peter 2:2

2 Timothy 4:3-5

1 Timothy 4:1-3

Jude 17-19

4. Their followers bring dishonor to the church.

2 Peter 2:2 Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute.
(NIV)

5. They make up stories for profit.

2 Peter 2:3 In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up...
(NIV)

6. They face sure and swift destruction.

2 Peter 2:3...Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping. (NIV)

Be Watchful!