

Welcome, let's pray.

Jesus, let every word spoken be anointed by the Holy Spirit and that every person will listen with their spiritual ears and hear the truth of God's Word. Jesus by divine revelation help the people to realize that now is the time to seek God and righteousness. I pray this teaching on your Word will not return void, but it will accomplish the purposes of God. In Jesus name, Amen.

I have started going through Matthew 24 a few verses at a time and giving some insights and commentary about these scriptures. I am going to continue to teach on Matthew 24 this week. However, I am going to skip over verse 3 for now and come back to it at a later time. This week let's look at Matthew 24 verses 4 and 5.

**Mat 24:4** And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you.**

**See that no man deceive you.** This is a prophetic warning. Jesus is giving cautious advice to Christians regarding specific unfulfilled predictions.

### **Matthew 24:5**

For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ.' They will deceive many.

God's Word warns us to not be deceived by the many false Christ's and to be vigilant in testing and trying the spirits of men. It is the universal duty required of every Christian to verify that the doctrine a person professes is the truth and not a lie. What is the test that will reveal if a spirit is bearing the truth or a lie? That test is whether the spirit confesses that Jesus Christ came in the flesh.

To "confess Jesus Christ come in the flesh" is to declare that Jesus was both human and divine from His birth, that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by the Old Testament prophets, that Jesus is the Godhead robed in humanity, and that Jesus is the Word made flesh.

You see any person or spirit that confesses that Jesus is just a man come from God means nothing. That lie tries to sever Jesus from the Christ and denies Jesus divine nature. Therefore, every person or spirit that does not assert that Jesus is the Christ, come in the flesh, is the spirit of antichrist and the truth is not in him. This is the test, this is how you can distinguish the spirit of truth from the spirit of error.

We can also test the spirit of a person by looking at their motives or behaviors or personal traits. For example, are people motivated by vanity, fame, self-love, or greed. Are they boastful or are they humble and modest? Are they disobedient and have contempt for authority?

Other ways to detect a false prophet are as follows:

If they profess a strange or peculiar message from God.

If they pretend to be a special representative with an exclusive mission from God.

If they ever preach any doctrine contrary to Word of God, then they are a false teacher

A person who asserts that they have the only correct belief, but they do not display any holiness.

In religion there appears to be no truth that the evil one does not try to present a counterfeit to oppose the original. Just because something appears to be supernatural, does not signify that it is from God. The devil has supernatural powers also.

Let's look at an encounter in Acts 13:4-12 that Barnabas and Paul had on the island of Cyprus with a sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew named Barjesus. Now the deputy of the country called for Barnabas and Paul and desired to hear the word of God. However, the sorcerer performed supernatural powers and tried to convince the deputy to not believe the word of God. Then Paul filled with the Holy Ghost called the sorcerer a child of the devil and told him to cease trying to pervert the ways of the Lord. Then Paul said that the hand of the Lord is upon thee and thou shall be blind and darkness fell on the sorcerer and when the deputy saw this demonstration of God's power he believed in the doctrine of the Lord.

I have to end it there but I will continue to teach on Matthew 24 next week.

If you are not sure that your soul would go to be with Jesus if your soul was required of you.

Please repeat this prayer with me.

Jesus I confess I am a sinner. I repent of my sins. Please forgive me as I forgive others who have hurt me. Jesus come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. Jesus heal me of all my diseases, give me peace and a good night sleep. In Jesus name, Amen.

I am going to continue to discuss Matthew 24 in the coming weeks. Please email me and let me know if you are enjoying this Bible study or if you have any questions or if I can pray for you. The whole world is suffering because of the Covid19 virus. I believe that if you humble yourself and repent and

ask God to help you, God's Word promises that God will hear from heaven and God will restore health, jobs, peace of mind, and our very souls.

Thank you for listening and God bless you.