



Worship in the Word

Declaring the Whole Counsel of God Verse By Verse



Matthew 23:1-12 **How to Spot a False Teacher**

I. The Character of False Teachers (1-7)

A. False Teachers claim authority but have none

Καθέδρα (kathédra) –

Matthew 7:28-29 –

Deuteronomy 13:1-3 –

B. False Teachers are hypocrites

2 Peter 2:1-3 –

C. False Teachers are oppressive to their followers

Ezekiel 34:2-5 –

1 Timothy 4:1-3 –

D. False Teachers seek the praise of others

Deuteronomy 6:6-8 –

Deuteronomy 15:38-40 –

E. False Teachers seek positions of prominence

Luke 14:8-11 –

II. The Character of True Spiritual Leadership (8-12)

A. Spiritual Leaders spurn titles

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 –

B. Spiritual Leaders serve others

1 Peter 5:5-7 –

Matthew 23:1-12

Application Questions

1. Why is it important that you, personally, know not only what the Word of God says, but also what it means? How can you better know God's Word? What role does the church play in this?
2. Why is it important to not only believe the right things, but also to do the right things? How are the two related?
3. How do you guard yourself from seeking power and importance? Why does this matter?
4. Read John 13:1-17. What motivated Jesus' actions according to verses 1-3? What did this motivation cause Him to do? In verses 13-17, Jesus instructs his disciples to wash each others' feet. How do we apply this in our current context?