

Matthew 16:1-12

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Albert Einstein: *"Stay away from negative people. They have a problem for every solution."*

Matthew 9:12-13 - "It's not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'"

Matthew 12:11-12 - "If one of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, won't he take hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore it's lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

Matthew 15:19-20 - "Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, lying and slander. These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands doesn't defile them."

John 3 - Nicodemus came to Jesus and said: *"Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs You're doing if God weren't with him."*

1. The Danger of the Pharisees

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Verse 6, “Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.”

Galatians 5:9 - A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

v.1 - Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came...

- The Pharisees were middle-class. The Sadducees were upper class.
- The Pharisees believed in a resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees didn't.
- The Pharisees believed in angels and the supernatural. The Sadducees didn't.
- The Pharisees rejected the rule of the Roman government. The Sadducees welcomed it.
- The Pharisees relied heavily on tradition. The Sadducees not only rejected tradition--they rejected the majority of the OT...

Are you known for these things?

- Love (John 13:35)
 - Grace (Ephesians 4:32)
 - Purity (Philippians 4:8)
 - Patience (Galatians 5:22)
 - Unselfishness (Philippians 2:4)
 - Commitment (Matthew 5:37)
 - Respect (1 Peter 2:17)
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v.1 - Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and *testing* Him asked that He'd show them a sign from heaven.

Voltaire: *"Even if a miracle should be wrought in the open marketplace before a thousand sober witnesses, I'd rather mistrust my senses than admit a miracle."*

v.4 - No sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

Matthew 12:40 - "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."

Najwa Zebian: Don't give them a taste of their own medicine. They already know what it tastes like. Give them a taste of your own medicine. If they lied, let your medicine be honesty. If they played with your emotions, let your medicine be maturity. If they broke you, let your medicine heal. If they made you cry, let your medicine make them smile. These remedies of yours may take years to work, but they work... So be patient.

Romans 12 - Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

v.4 - An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign.

Judges 6 - Gideon said to God, "If You'll save Israel by my hand, as You've said, *prove it to me* in this way..."

v.2 - Jesus answered and said to them, "When it's evening you say, 'It'll be fair weather, for the sky is red'; and in the morning, 'It'll be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.'"

Jesus: Hypocrites! *You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you can't discern the signs of the times.*

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- **Matthew 24 - In the end times there will be an increase in lawlessness**
- **Daniel 12 - An explosion of knowledge**
- **Matthew 24 - False prophets will lead many astray**
- **Ezekiel - Israel will return to the Land...**
- **Revelation 18 - Push for a one world government**
- **Matthew 24 - As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be in the coming of the Son of Man**
- **2 Timothy 4 - People won't endure sound teaching, they'll follow teachers who tell them what they want to hear**
- **Luke 21 - Israel will be surrounded by her enemies**

2 Peter 3:11 - Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?

2. The Dullness of the Disciples

v.5 - Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they'd forgotten to take bread. Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It's because we've taken no bread." But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you've brought no bread? *Don't you understand, or remember* the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up? Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you took up? How is it *you don't understand*?"

John 6 - "Don't labor for the food that perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you..." Jesus said: "*I am the bread of life*. Whoever comes to Me shall never hunger, whoever believes in Me shall never thirst... Everyone who sees the Son and *believes in Him* will have *everlasting life*."

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