

False Christ's

Have a read of **Matthew 24v23-28**. I have looked through a lot of commentaries on this verse and dictionaries, they all point to someone who may lay claim to being "The Messiah". Yet, if you look at the Greek and it's words it comes from you will see this possibility I am about to say. Don't take my word for it, find out for yourself, pray about it, ask God to show you what is the "Truth". When I first got saved, it was in a little full gospel church and everyone in that church literally bent over backwards to help each other and look after each other as well as the community in general, now that was only about 25 years ago, so to compare it with today, there really isn't much excuse why we can not do the same. Verse 24 says that even the elect may possibly be deceived.... Now think about this, if someone came to you and said hey Jesus has appeared at a certain church and is preaching there would you believe it? No, I didn't think so, we have had heaps of teaching on this very subject in various forms, let me say it to you in a different way.

We are sitting at home doing whatever, a friend rings up and says "hey have ya heard this great preacher is preaching here or there, he is anointed and God has given him special gifts of healing or words of knowledge etc etc.... Come along and see him he can heal you or help you". So we go along and see this preacher, but to no avail and we walk away disheartened. The following week another friend rings with a similar claim. Again we walk away disheartened with no change in our situation we may be caught up in. Now, I am not saying I am right here, but could it be possible that the verses above are actually talking about this exact thing, that we hear people say come here, come there, see this preacher see that preacher they are anointed! Why do I say this, because the word Christ means anointed! It is not Jesus' last name!!

Think about it! We all look to the "Big Name Preachers" as if there is something special about him or her, but did not Jesus say, those that believe in me they shall take up serpents and lay hands on the sick and see them recover.... So what is the difference between you and a big name preacher? The difference is, they have a fame that goes before them, but it is NOT a fame that God is broadcasting, man broadcasts it. When we go to see this "big name" preacher that is exactly what we get, a big name preacher, in reality we don't go looking for Jesus, we go upon the fame of that name of the preacher. Would it not be better to go where Jesus tells us like he did the blind men, got to siloam and wash **John 9v7**?

Don't get me wrong, I am not bagging big name preachers, nor am I saying that they are false Christ's or whatever you want to come up with, I am just saying look at your motives, are you glorifying the man or God? I know a lady in Bikers 4 Christ who has not had all the exposure to the "Word of Faith" preachers, who in my opinion, are great men and women of God. But at the same time, in her short Christian walk she has seen more miracles and moves of God not only in her own life but while praying for others as well, and yet, she is a Biker, never been to Bible college, never "done it" like Hagin or Copeland, and she has more of the presence of God in her life than many of us together. It has really got me to thinking, why? She loves God with all her heart, soul and mind, she loves her neighbour, she loves her kids, and the love of God just literally bleeds out of her, she bends over backwards to help others.

See, personally, I think we are just playing church sometimes, who can be the holiest, the most righteous, who can give the most, who gets blessed and who doesn't. Yet at the same time we all cry out inside, "there must be more to God than what I am experiencing". Would you agree? I see preachers, and churches, bragging on how they have done this or that, so what does the Bible say about this? Have a read of **Luke 12 especially verses 31 to 35; Matt 6v1-8; Mat 10v42** is good too, how often do we help another because they need help? Are we really chasing after what man has or what God has? If we are chasing after what God has, shouldn't we be spending more time chasing God and not man?

I have seen a lot of good people get hurt by a church or a ministry, but the only reason they got hurt was because they had their eyes on that person or ministry, if they didn't anything that the church or whoever had done something to them would not have effected them, they would have just walked away and got on with their Christian walk. Sound a bit harsh? Good, maybe it is a raw nerve it has hit in your life! I used to be the same, why did I burn out from Ministry, many reasons, but mostly I had my eyes on a ministry and not God is and would have to be one of the main ones. Now, I have people and things said or done against me, do I care? No! Does it hurt? Yes! Do I run and say stuff it all, some times I feel like it, but mostly I don't. Because my walk is with God and not with what people expect or think they see in me.

Take a look at the early disciples, they didn't have the Bible, famous preachers, all they had was the testimony of those who walked with Jesus and they were not always around to help out either, but what was their life like? The first **2 chapters of Acts** shows us, they met together daily, ate together, met in homes and the synagogue prayed for each other, they didn't go running to Paul or Peter, or James all the time, yes they

took the more difficult things to them, but they mainly relied upon their own personal walk with Jesus. We have enough to live a godly life, a holy life, a righteous life in the pages of the Bible without having to run and get inspiration from big name preachers, I am not saying don't do it, just look at yourself and judge yourself if what you do is right or wrong. Because, if you don't, then you will believe anything anyone tells you and most likely get hurt. Always check out the Bible for yourself, don't rely upon what others say, even me, I am no one!

I love my Pastor, I love the way he teaches, I have visited many different churches over the last few months for various reasons, but it is always good to come back to where God wants me! We need to listen to God more and "Man" less, yes they can give us good sound advice, or help us at different times in different ways, but ultimately we must be led of the Spirit. Have a final read of **Romans 8v11-17**. To be led by what others say is "Flesh" to be led by what God says is "Spirit". Are you led by the Spirit or by the Flesh, God or by others?