

Matthew 16

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16 The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. (Pharisee - means separated. They were a sect who believed in life after death. The Sadducees did not)

(Jesus had already shown the people many signs through His many miracles. These Pharisees were probably Kenites. They were determined to side with Satan against God)

² He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. (They can see many signs in nature)

³ And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? (Hypocrite = play actor – these guys are playing religion, but don't know anything about it. They're only in it for the money)

(These purported religionists should have known that the coming of Messiah was foretold in many places in the Bible. The time is the First Advent. They're looking right at the Messiah and they don't know it)

⁴ A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed. (Generation = progeny, lineage; Jesus is calling out these Kenites)

(As Jonas was in the whale 3 days and survived. Jesus will be dead in the grave 3 days and then He will resurrect)

⁵ And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

⁶ Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. (The leaven is a metaphor for the false teachings of these hypocrites. Just as leaven <yeast> totally permeates the dough; false teaching can completely permeate a true teaching where God's Word is concerned)

(Do not let false doctrine seep into a church. Teach God's Word completely and unchanged. Get rid of anyone who tries to disrupt that with their own "interpretations")

⁷ And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread. (Once again, they don't get it)

⁸ Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? (They should have known that Jesus can see to their care. HE just fed 8,000 people – 4,000 men and their families)

⁹ Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? (The baskets of fragments are symbolic for the changes that men make to God's Word. These changes make the teaching void and useless, because it's not from God)

¹⁰ Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? (Jesus performed this mass feeding miracle twice, for emphasis. And they still don't seem to understand the lesson)

¹¹ How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? (HE was speaking of men's false doctrines)

¹² Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. (They taught traditions of men to replace the Word of God)

(That's how Satan operates. He changes God's Word to make it all meaningless. That's also how he will deceive people; when he shows up as antichrist at the end days of this Age)

¹³ When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? (Jesus was God in the flesh. HE called Himself the son of man because He came into the flesh life through Mary. Men called Him the Son of God)

¹⁴ And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. (Jesus was far more than a prophet. HE is God, in human form)

¹⁵ He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

¹⁶ And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (Simon = hearing; Peter = a rock)

(Jesus was God. HE begat Himself into a flesh body, through Mary's womb; when He said – Let us make man in our image)

(Men just couldn't understand it. Even today, people think Jesus is God's son) (Son = begotten – better translation)

¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. (Barjona = son of the dove)

¹⁸ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Peter = petros <in the Greek> - a movable or loose rock; rock = petra <in the Greek> – an immovable rock or bedrock)

(Peter is an official of the church, but he is not the church itself. The church is founded of Jesus Christ – the immovable rock)

¹⁹ And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (The keys are the knowledge in the Word of God)

(If Peter binds an evil spirit, it will be bound in Heaven. If he looses someone from their sinful ways, they will be loosed in heaven also. That's all that it means)

NOTE: (The Catholics took this too far. No pope can replace Jesus Christ. The popes of today are not infallible, any more than a regular lay person. This is one of the traditions of men that misleads people today)

²⁰ Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ. (It wasn't quite time to inform the people. The time would be at the crucifixion, on that particular Passover, when the New Testament would begin)

²¹ From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders

and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. (This was all prophesied in Genesis-3:15, and in Psalms-22)

²² Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. (Peter thought that he was saying a good thing because he loved Jesus. His love for Jesus was causing him to disobey Jesus. The Elect are here to work with the plan of God, not against it)

See Hebrews-2:14 (God didn't send His "son" to be crucified. HE came Himself, as a flesh man, to defeat death – which is one of Satan's names. That's why he said – Let US create man in OUR own image)

NOTE: (Jesus is God, as a flesh man. We are also flesh people, in our own image. Our true bodies <from the first Age> are spiritual bodies – like when people see an angel. We return to those spiritual bodies at the instant that we die here on earth)

²³ But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. (Peter would have been unknowingly helping Satan to foil the plan of God)

(Ignorant men treasure our short life in the flesh. Our long spiritual life with God in the Third Age is the real treasure. That's what we need to focus on)

²⁴ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. (Christians have been mocked and persecuted by the heathen throughout the ages. We, as Christians, can expect no better than the way that the heathen treated Jesus)

(Don't let the heathen dissuade you from your mission as a Christian)

²⁵ For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. (Those who betray God to save their flesh life will lose their spiritual life. Those who stay loyal to God, at the risk of their flesh life, will secure their spiritual life in the eternity)

²⁶ For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (Our souls are our true selves. Our flesh bodies are nothing more than a temporary state of being for this Age)

(The two witnesses will die in the street at the hands of antichrist; three days before Messiah returns to end this Age. Many people believe that they will be Moses and Elijah, but it's not written in the Bible)

²⁷ For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.
(This will begin the Millennium, after the end times of the Second Age. Your works will bring your reward, not your faith. Faith is good, but you have to do good works as well)

²⁸ Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.
(Jesus is referring to the crucifixion and resurrection <the First Advent>; not the Second Advent of the end days. Jesus received the kingdom upon His resurrection. HE became Lord of lords, King of kings, forever)