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many will come in My name, claiming, "I am the Christ"



Mount of Olives



Temple Mount



Temple Mount in Jesus' time EB 15 2007

Do Not Be Deceived

Matthew 24



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Matthew 24

vs 4 - **Watch out that no one deceives you**

vs 5 – **many will come and will deceive many**

vs 11 – **many will appear and deceive many**

vs 24 – **for false Christs & prophets will deceive
(even the elect)**

Do Not Be Deceived

Matthew 24

vs 2 – **Not one stone, all thrown down**

70AD - Romans destroy temple

BUT

vs 10 – **many will turn from faith**

vs 14 – **Gospel preached to whole world**

vs 15 – **abomination of desolation**

Jerusalem trampled by Gentiles until Gentiles time fulfilled

Luke 21: 24

Do Not Be Deceived

70 sevens = 490 years

69 sevens = 483 years (Jesus – triumphal entry)

Meshiach cut off

Middle of last seven (years) – abomination of desolation

Daniel 9: 25-27

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Matthew 24

vs 16-20 – Just for the Jews in Jerusalem?
Just for 70AD?

vs 21 – **great distress (tribulation)**
middle of seven – 3-1/2 years?

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Day of the Lord –

Not until:

- vs 3 - apostasy (Matthew 24:10)
- Man of lawlessness revealed (Matthew 24:15)

vs 4 - Proclaims himself to be God (Daniel 9:27)

vs 8 - Man of lawlessness destroyed (Daniel 9:27)

II Thessalonians 2: 1-12

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Man of lawlessness

vs 10 - counterfeit miracles, signs, wonders
deceives those who are perishing

II Thessalonians 2

vs 15 – abomination of desolation, THEN

vs 21 – great tribulation

vs 22-25 – deception

Matthew 24

...he deceived the inhabitants of the earth

Revelation 13: 13-14

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vs 5 – *many* will come in my name & deceive *many*

vs 10 – *many* will turn away from the faith

vs 11 – *many* false prophets will appear & deceive *many*

vs 12 – love of *most* will grow cold

Matthew 24

Wide, broad > destruction – many

Small, narrow > life – few

Watch out!

Matthew 7:13-16

Do Not Be Deceived

Birth Pains

Apostasy

Antichrist

Midpoint – worship the beast

Great tribulation

Cosmic disturbances

Son of Man

Gather elect

Antichrist destroyed

Matthew 24

Daniel 9

II Thessalonians 2

Revelation 13, 19



For the 8th consecutive year, Murray & Peter present, "A Drag Queen Christmas"
November 29, 2022
8 PM
Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts

The Presbyterian Church (USA) said it will be adding a “nonbinary/genderqueer” category to its annual reports.

As with other Christian denominations, the PCUSA has seen considerable decline in both its number of active members and the number of member congregations.

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/pcusa-to-add-nonbinary-genderqueer-category-to-official-stats.html>

[Next spring] Canada will be looking at the possibility of extending the eligibility to “mature minors” who will be allowed to seek out assisted suicide without parental consent.

<https://breakpoint.org/canadas-euthanasia-laws-pandoras-box-is-open%E2%80%AF/>

A Vermont middle school soccer coach and his daughter were suspended allegedly for complaining about a 14 year-old trans female in the girls' locker room..

Father, coach suspended without pay –
“I was punished because I misgendered him.”

Daughter was told to participate in a "restorative justice circle" and write a letter of apology to the trans student.



<https://www.foxnews.com/media/dad-daughter-rip-suspension-complaint-trans-female-girls-locker-room-male-shouldnt-allowed>

Do Not Be Deceived

In later times (end of the age):

- Abandon the faith (apostasy, fall away)
- Follow deceiving spirits (many will come in My name)

I Timothy 4:1-2

No sound doctrine

Suit own desires

Turn away from truth

II Timothy 4:3-4

"Do not prophesy to us right things;

Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits." (NKJV)

Isaiah 30:8-11

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Live Godly life? > persecuted

Impostors (false Christs, wolves in sheep's clothing)

Bad to worse

Deceiving & being deceived

II Timothy 3:12-13

Truth is nowhere to be found and

Whoever shuns evil becomes a prey

Isaiah 59:15

event featuring conservative commentator Matt Walsh
and his controversial documentary “What is a Woman?”
at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

Leftist protesters were spotted outside a speaking event
by a conservative commentator surrounding and shouting down
a man reading Bible passages before they snatched the Bible,
ripped it up, and one protester ate the pages.



<https://www.foxnews.com/us/left-wing-activists-harass-conservative-reading-bible-steal-book-and-rip-up-protester-eats-pages>

Do Not Be Deceived

...there is no truth in him.

When he lies, he speaks his native language,
for he is a liar and the father of lies **John 8:44**

What do you want with us, Son of God

Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?"

Matthew 8:28-29

"You are the Son of God!"

...they knew he was the Christ.

Luke 4:40-41

Even demons believe in one God and shudder
James 2:18-19

Do Not Be Deceived

This is the last hour

Antichrist is coming – even now, many antichrists

You have an anointing

I John 2:18-27

Anointed, sealed, deposit, guarantee – His Spirit

II Corinthians 1:21-22

**Antichrists deny that Jesus is the Christ
Don't have the Son? Can't have the Father!
Don't have the Father? Can't have the Son!**

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HERE IS THE TEST:

Jesus Christ has come in the flesh

Son of God
God on earth
Messiah


YES? Spirit of God, truth

NO? Spirit of the antichrist, deceit

I John 4:1-6

II John 7-11

**Greater is He that is in me
than he who is in the world**



**“Remove that Trinity and
the divinity of Jesus,
and the religious language
is the same.”**

Imam Moujahed Bakhach
Texas Monthly – August 2016

Respondents were asked, regardless of their faith, about “America’s foundation for determining right and wrong.” They were given three options: the Bible, what respondents feel in their hearts, or majority rule.

The largest proportion — 42% — selected what people feel in their heart, compared to 29% who said majority rule, and an additional 29% who chose the Bible.

The America’s Values Study,” a new survey from the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University

https://www.faithwire.com/2022/11/01/america-at-moral-crossroads-shocking-new-survey-on-whether-man-or-god-should-determine-right-vs-wrong/?utm_source=wnd&utm_medium=wnd&utm_campaign=syndicated

**The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.
Who can understand it?**

Jeremiah 17:9

second annual Pagan Pride Fest in Tyler, Texas 10/29/22

The Satanic Temple was among the groups present at the event, and its activists — wearing demonic masks and robes — charged passersby \$10 for "unbaptisms" in which participants renounce "superstitions that may have been imposed upon them without their consent as a child."

People received inverted cross symbols on their foreheads and recited "Hail Satan!" as part of the unbaptisms.

The so-called unbaptized were also given certificates stating, "All bonds of servitude have been broken.

Power and agency have been restored.

Thyself is thy master. Hail Satan!"

<https://www.theblaze.com/news/people-get-inverted-cross-symbols-on-foreheads-recite-hail-satan-during-unbaptism-ritual-at-pagan-pride-fest>

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

I Timothy 4:1

Queering the church can also take the form of a drag performance in the middle of Sunday morning service. The presence of the performer is intended to complicate the expectations of who can or should lead a worship service and who is given an opportunity to speak in church. The appearance of Isaac Simmons (the name of the man who plays “Ms. Penny Cost”) at Allendale United Methodist Church, Saint Petersburg, Florida, said as much in his message:

“We are here to learn and to grow and to deconstruct and to reimagine what church can be, who church can be for, and how church can feel together. It can be a place unafraid to denounce queerphobia, a place unafraid to name the sin of racism and to call for the end of white supremacy. A place where all have equal and equitable access, not just to the pulpit itself, to the sanctuary, but to God themselves—and all that it represents within the community.”

<https://afn.net/opinion/guest-commentary/2022/11/04/drag-queens-and-the-queering-of-the-church/>

Do Not Be Deceived

False teachers among you...

- Secretly introduce destructive heresies
- Deny the sovereign Lord who bought them
- Bring the way of truth into disrepute

II Peter 2:1-3

Many will follow their shameful ways

“ We know it is by grace we are saved after all we can do” **Book of Mormon
2 Nephi 25:23**

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Divisions & obstacles

Contrary teaching
Smooth talk & flattery

Romans 16:17-18

Deceive the minds of naive people

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See to it that no one takes you captive

Fine-sounding arguments
Hollow & deceptive philosophy

Colossians 2:1-10

In Christ –
All treasures of wisdom & knowledge

“We have a culture now in which homosexual orientation is viewed in a similar way to being left-handed. It is simply seen as a given.”

“The debates around human sexuality in the life of the Church have not been caused by a desire on the part of some Christians to be unfaithful to the teachings of Scripture, though all too often they can be portrayed in this way.

The debates are created by a fundamental shift in perspective of the wider culture, and an increase in knowledge about human sexuality and the human condition that has happened over several generations. This increase in knowledge and understanding leads us to ask whether it is possible to adjust and revise the traditional teaching of the Church to accommodate these new and well-established truths, in order that the Church may offer a better witness to the love of God in Christ.”

“Certainly, our science and knowledge of sexual identity and orientation has moved on”

“Together in Love and Faith - Personal Reflections and Steps for the Church”
by Steven Croft – Bishop of Oxford, Church of England

Do Not Be Deceived

Blown about by every wind of doctrine

- infants, tossed back and forth by the waves,
and blown here and there by every wind of teaching
- cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.

unity in the faith
knowledge of the Son of God
become mature,
attaining to the whole measure
of the fullness of Christ.

Speaking the truth in love
We will grow up

Ephesians 4:11-16

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- Sinful desires, sexual impurity, degrading of bodies
- Natural & unnatural relations
- Wicked list

Romans 1:18-32

~ Wicked list

Sexually immoral

Adulterers

Male prostitutes, homosexual offenders

Such WERE some of you...BUT!

I Corinthians 6:9-11

- Jesus never condemns homosexuality – never even spoke the word
- The word “homosexual” isn’t even in the Bible
- We have learned so much more about being gay since the Bible was written
- Our church membership would grow if we would be more inclusive & accepting of gays
- Why would a loving God condemn me for something I cannot help?
 Am I born gay? Or is it a choice?
- We can all stay in the same denomination – just allow each individual church to make its own choice on the LGBT question

LDS Church 11/15/22 - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said on Tuesday that it endorsed the pending Respect for Marriage Act, a bill that would protect and recognize the validity for same-sex marriage.

The church remains firm about its stance on marriage between a man and a woman but extends its support for LGBTQ rights. The church released the following statement:

The doctrine of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints related to marriage between a man and a woman is well known and will remain unchanged.

We are grateful for the continuing efforts of those who work to ensure the Respect for Marriage Act includes appropriate religious freedom protections while respecting the law and preserving the rights of our LGBTQ brothers and sisters.

We believe this approach is the way forward. As we work together to preserve the principles and practices of religious freedom together with the rights of LGBTQ individuals, much can be accomplished to heal relationships and foster greater understanding.

<https://www.moronichannel.org/newsroom/lds-church-releases-statement-in-support-for-same-sex-marriage-law/>

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#deconstruction

Orthodox Christianity



Progressive Christianity



Agnostic



Atheist

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I Timothy 4:1

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the term to refer to another form of apostasy
or departing from the faith,
while others use it to describe the process of simply reassessing
or rethinking one's faith.

look inside yourself and develop your own understanding

I can take some of those practices I do enjoy and find peace in,
and not feel guilty about letting go of some of those
that no longer align with my spirit

Without dogma, more people will be able to flourish spiritually

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Deconstruction "encourages you to become the arbiter of what is true" and "the master of your faith," said Strachan. It denies the authority of God and his Word and promotes Self to the godlike task of curating your own personal religion

Dr. Owen Strachan, Senior Fellow with FRC's Center for Biblical Worldview.

Deconstruction is a careful and deliberate examination of one's beliefs from the inside. It's about coming to terms with what you believe outside of your inherited beliefs. It's about growing INTO your faith, not out of it.

Sure, there are instances when one's spiritual journey may lead them away from the faith altogether. However, that is certainly not the goal.

Deconstruction is a process of growth and maturation.

It is not necessary to throw the baby out with the bathwater as they say.

John Williamson

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“When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it.

Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’
When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied,
swept clean and put in order.

Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there.

And the final condition of that man is worse than the first.
That is how it will be with this wicked generation.”

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Progressive Christianity

A different Jesus, a different spirit, a different gospel

II Corinthians 11:1-4

Galatians 1:6-9

...progressive Christianity, a version of Christianity that sells itself as a valid option for Christians that on the surface looks a lot like the Christian worldview and may seem in the eyes of many people to be more acceptable, more likable, a really more palatable version of the faith.

progressive Christians believe that Jesus isn't so much the divine Son of God, but rather just a moral example for us to follow.

Jesus is more of a big brother that sets a pattern that we walk in his footsteps.

the highest goal of the Christian life for progressive Christianity is that you just have to be a good person.

...if you think you can be a good person, you must have a very low view of sin, It's this idea that people aren't really that fallen and they're not really that bad – a downplaying of the word sin; there's certainly no interest in talking about the wrath of God on sin. God is not portrayed as at all disturbed by or upset with sin.

The Core Values of Progressive Christianity

By calling ourselves progressive Christians, we mean that we are Christians who...

1. Believe that following the way and teachings of Jesus can lead to experiencing sacredness, wholeness, and unity of all life, even as we recognize that the Spirit moves in beneficial ways in many faith traditions.
2. Seek community that is inclusive of all people, honoring differences in theological perspective, age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, class, or ability.
3. Strive for peace and justice among all people, knowing that behaving with compassion and selfless love towards one another is the fullest expression of what we believe
4. Embrace the insights of contemporary science and strive to protect the Earth and ensure its integrity and sustainability.
5. Commit to a path of life-long learning, believing there is more value in questioning than in absolutes.

Alisa Childers – Christian apologist/ writer/ teacher

5 Counterfeit Truths of Progressive Christianity

- 1. You Are Perfect Just as You Are** – no original sin, but original goodness
- 2. Jesus Didn't Need to Die on the Cross** – if #1 is true, then...no substitutionary atonement necessary
- 3. The Resurrection Doesn't Have to Be Historical to Be Meaningful** – spiritual only – just symbolic
- 4. God Isn't That Concerned about Who We Sleep with** – as long as it is 'love'
- 5. The Bible is an Ancient Travel Journal** – certainly NOT the eternal, inerrant Word of God

John Dunn, street preacher, quoted Scripture to 2 lesbians:

1 Corinthians 6:9 – homosexuals will not inherit the kingdom of God

A prosecutor with the Crown Prosecution Service, the office of government prosecutors for England and Wales, wrote in a document sent to the defense before the trial that "there are references in the bible [sic] which are simply no longer appropriate in modern society and which would be offensive if stated in public."

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Sin

God's wrath against evil

OT God

Hell

Penal substitutionary atonement

Absolutes

Supernatural

Uniqueness of Christ

Sola gratia

Eternal, inerrant Word

“where is this coming He promised?”

A different Jesus, a different spirit, a different gospel

Defense of Marriage Act

House – 342 to 67

Senate – 85 to 14

Bill Clinton – September 21, 1996

Respect for Marriage Act

Senate – 61 to 36

House – 258 to 169 – December 8, 2022

Joe Biden – ???

"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said,

'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?

So they are no longer two, but one.

Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

Genesis 2:21-24

Matthew 19:4-6

“We must act now – on a bipartisan, bicameral basis – to combat bigoted extremism and uphold the inviolability of same-sex and interracial marriages. Once signed into law, the Respect for Marriage Act will help prevent right-wing extremists from upending the lives of loving couples, traumatizing kids across the country and turning back the clock on hard-work progress.

This legislation takes several steps to uphold marriage equality under federal law. First, it tears the bigoted, unconstitutional Defense of Marriage Act off the books for good.”

**Respect for Marriage Act – House Speaker Nancy Pelosi
December 8, 2022**

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False prophets, False Christs
Counterfeit miracles, signs, wonders
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whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine
that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God

anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the
sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching

For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine
encourage others by sound doctrine

You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine

But there were also false prophets among the people,
just as there will be false teachers among you

A different Jesus, a different spirit, a different gospel

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OT Doctrine – 1500BC – 400BC

GOD – YHWH – Creator – lawgiver – eternal, flawless Word
Immutable, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient
Israel covenant, promise of Messiah, new covenant
Salvation to the ends of the earth

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Jesus – 30-33AD

**And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets,
he explained to them what was said
in all the Scriptures concerning himself.**

Luke 24:27

OT & Gospel of God fulfilled – Messiah – God with us – Deity of Christ
Son of Man, Son of God, sinless, miracles, heaven, hell, judgment,
crucifixion, death, blood, atonement, burial, resurrection, eternal life

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Jesus > Apostles

NT Doctrine – 40-60AD (95AD)

Gospel of God fulfilled – Messiah – God with us – Deity of Christ
Son of Man, Son of God, sinless, miracles, heaven, hell, judgment,
crucifixion, death, blood, atonement, burial, resurrection, eternal life

...and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by
nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead,
freeing him from the agony of death,
because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

Acts 2:22-41

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Jesus > Apostles > Letters (NT) > Early Church Fathers

NT Doctrine

Gospel of God fulfilled – Messiah – God with us – Deity of Christ
Son of Man, Son of God, sinless, miracles, heaven, hell, judgment,
crucifixion, death, blood, atonement, burial, resurrection, eternal life


For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance:
that Christ died for our sins *according to the Scriptures*,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day
according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter,
and then to the Twelve.

I Corinthians 15:3-5

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...evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse,
deceiving and being deceived.

II Timothy 3:13



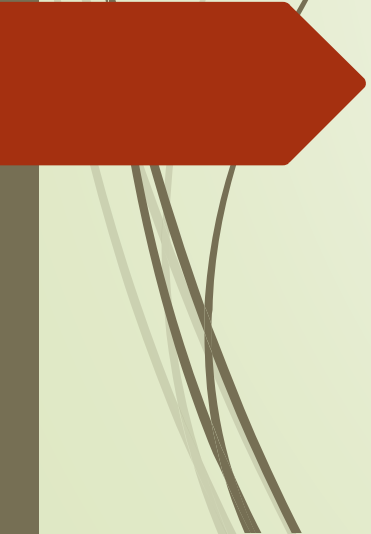
But there were also false prophets among the people,
just as there will be false teachers among you.
They will secretly introduce destructive heresies,
even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them —
bringing swift destruction on themselves.

II Peter 2:1

Do Not Be Deceived

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

John 17:17



Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

Acts 17:11

Do Not Be Deceived

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you all things and will remind you
of everything I have said to you.

John 14:26

**But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes,
he will guide you into all truth.**

John 16:13

**THE ONE WHO IS IN YOU IS GREATER
THAN THE ONE WHO IS IN THE WORLD.**

1 John 4:4