

ALMOST

WEEK 2

JESUS CONFRONTS THE IDOL OF RELIGION

BIG QUESTIONS:

WEEK 1- HAVE I ALLOWED THE ALLURE OF RICHES TO BECOME AN IDOL?

TODAY- HAVE I ALLOWED THE ATTEMPTS OF RELIGION TO BECOME AN IDOL?

DEFINITION OF AN IDOL:

ANYTHING IN MY LIFE THAT CLAIMS MY
----- AND/OR
----- OVER JESUS

MATTHEW 7:15-20

"BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS, WHO COME TO YOU IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING BUT INWARDLY ARE RAVENOUS WOLVES. YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THEM BY THEIR FRUITS. ARE GRAPES GATHERED FROM THORNBUSHES, OR FIGS FROM THISTLES? SO, EVERY HEALTHY TREE BEARS GOOD FRUIT, BUT THE DISEASED TREE BEARS BAD FRUIT. A HEALTHY TREE CANNOT BEAR BAD FRUIT, NOR CAN A DISEASED TREE BEAR GOOD FRUIT. EVERY TREE THAT DOES NOT BEAR GOOD FRUIT IS CUT DOWN AND THROWN INTO THE FIRE. THUS YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THEM BY THEIR FRUITS."

WHAT IS A FALSE PROPHET?

SOMEONE WHO CLAIMS TO BE -----
AND/OR ----- ON GOD'S BEHALF BUT IS NOT.
THEY CLAIM TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM, BUT

MATTHEW 7:21-23



"NOT EVERYONE WHO SAYS TO ME, 'LORD, LORD,' WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, BUT THE ONE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN. ON THAT DAY MANY WILL SAY TO ME, 'LORD, LORD, DID WE NOT PROPHECY IN YOUR NAME, AND CAST OUT DEMONS IN YOUR NAME, AND DO MANY MIGHTY WORKS IN YOUR NAME?' AND THEN WILL I DECLARE TO THEM, 'I NEVER KNEW YOU; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WORKERS OF LAWLESSNESS.'"

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE IN THE OUTCOMES OF LUKE 10:17-20 & ACTS 19:13-16?

MATTHEW 7:24-27



"EVERYONE THEN WHO HEARS THESE WORDS OF MINE AND DOES THEM WILL BE LIKE A WISE MAN WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE ON THE ROCK. AND THE RAIN FELL, AND THE FLOODS CAME, AND THE WINDS BLEW AND BEAT ON THAT HOUSE, BUT IT DID NOT FALL, BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN FOUNDED ON THE ROCK. AND EVERYONE WHO HEARS THESE WORDS OF MINE AND DOES NOT DO THEM WILL BE LIKE A FOOLISH MAN WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE ON THE SAND. AND THE RAIN FELL, AND THE FLOODS CAME, AND THE WINDS BLEW AND BEAT AGAINST THAT HOUSE, AND IT FELL, AND GREAT WAS THE FALL OF IT."

"WHY DO YOU CALL ME 'LORD, LORD,' AND NOT DO WHAT I TELL YOU?" LUKE 6:46 (ESV)

JESUS OFFERS US RELATIONSHIP, NOT RELIGION

TODAY'S BIG QUESTION:

DO YOU NEED TO TEAR DOWN THE IDOL OF RELIGION IN YOUR LIFE AND GO ALL-IN IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS TODAY?