

Part 6 "What is Truth"

Matthew 24:4 "And Jesus answered and said to them, 'See to it that no one misleads you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. ¹⁰ At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. ¹² Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. ¹⁴ This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come. Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There *He is*,' do not believe *him*. ²⁴ **For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ Behold, I have told you in advance. ²⁶ So if they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out,** *or***, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe** *them***. ²⁷ For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. ²⁸ Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."**

1 Corinthians 3:4 "And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

What is Truth? Revealed in the Menorah

John 14:6 "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, **and the truth**, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.'"

John 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."

1 John 5:6 "This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the **Spirit is the truth**."

The Simplicity of the Message

2 Corinthians 11:2 "For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you *as* a pure virgin. ³ But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and

purity *of devotion* to Christ. ⁴ For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear *this* beautifully."

- Different Jesus? Marxist revolutionary (South America), Eastern Guru (New Age), Liberal Jesus, Various Ethnic Jesus', or the Jesus of Cults like Islam, Mormonism, or Roman Catholicism.
- Different Jesus will produce a different gospel, different message, and a perversion of Scripture.
- Different spirit (lying, deceiving, seducing, fantasy)

This is one of the several reasons I am preaching the Hebrew Roots. The true Jesus of the Bible is a Jew who is coming to Jerusalem to reign over Israel on the throne of David.

What is the source of deception?

1 Corinthians 1:20 "Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not *come to* know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. ²² For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; ²⁷ but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, ²⁸ and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no man may boast before God."

Pride, rebellion, and fear instead of faith

How are we sustained and kept in these last days?

- Know the true Jesus for yourself and focus on Him
- Be in a church that Jesus is truly the head of that church and preaches the whole counsel of God
- Know the Holy Spirit for yourself as you have a strong prayer life
- Know the Word of God for yourself and live it out
- Don't put men on pedestal, don't chase prophets or seek after prophecies, and don't try to come up with revelation. Like a weaned child, trust God to feed you and lead you.
- Walk in great humility and the fear of the Lord. It is ONLY by his grace we stand, and ONLY by his mercy we are not deceived. Be honest with God about your sin, quick to repent, and quick to forgive.

Hebrews 5:14 "But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to distinguish between good and evil."

1 Cor 2:10 "For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, ¹³ which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*. ¹⁴ But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised (judged, discerned)."