

The Life of Jesus Christ
Lesson 11 - In Galilee And Beyond
 May 20, 2020
The Leaven of the Pharisees
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"... beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." (16:11)
 Leaven represents the **influence** of the **teaching** and **hypocritical conduct** of the Pharisees and Sadducees.
"A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough."
 (1 Corinthians 5:6; Galatians 5:9)
 Need for self examination: (2 Corinthians 13:5)
 • **Who is influencing you?**
 • **How are you being influenced?**

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 Then the disciples understood ...
"... that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees."
Danger of false teaching.
 (Revelation 2:14-15; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 3:16-17;
 1 John 4:1; 1 Timothy 1:3-7; James 3:5-8)

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What's the only way to prevent the influence of unrighteous leaven from spreading?
 1. Insist on complete **purity of doctrine.**
 (Galatians 1:6-9)
 2. **Address sin and error immediately.** Don't give erroneous teaching an opportunity.
 (Galatians 2:4-5)
 3. **Be careful who your friends (influencers) are.**
 (1 Corinthians 15:33)
 4. **Be careful about fellowship** and who you encourage. (2 John 9-11)

Healing a Blind Man
 Mark 8:22-26
 In Bethsaida ...
 • *"They brought a blind man to Jesus ..." who "... brought him out of the village ..."*
 • Jesus spat on his eyes and asked *"Do you see anything?"*
 • The man reported seeing *"men ... like trees, walking around."*
 • *"Then again He laid His hands on his eyes... and was restored, and began to see everything clearly"*
 (Romans 1:20; Jeremiah 23:20; Matthew 7:5; Ephesians 1:18)

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"Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi ... asking His disciples, who do people say the Son of Man is?" (Matthew 16:13)
 What had Jesus just been doing? (Luke 9:18)
 They responded: (16:14)
 • **"John the Baptist"** (Matthew 14:2)
 • **"Elijah"** – (Luke 9:8)
 • **"Jeremiah, or one of the prophets ..."**
 (John 7:40-43)
 A question not requiring conviction or commitment.

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"But who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15)

How do we truly answer that question?

- Matthew 7:21-23 versus Galatians 2:20
- Also, consider the context – what had Jesus just rebuked them for?
 1. A good teacher who imparts wise sayings?
 2. A provider of fleshly needs?
 3. Your insurance agent (you only call when there's a problem)?

Based on Jesus' claims (John 6:38; 10:30; Matthew 11:27), He has to be one of three things:
Lord, lunatic, or liar.