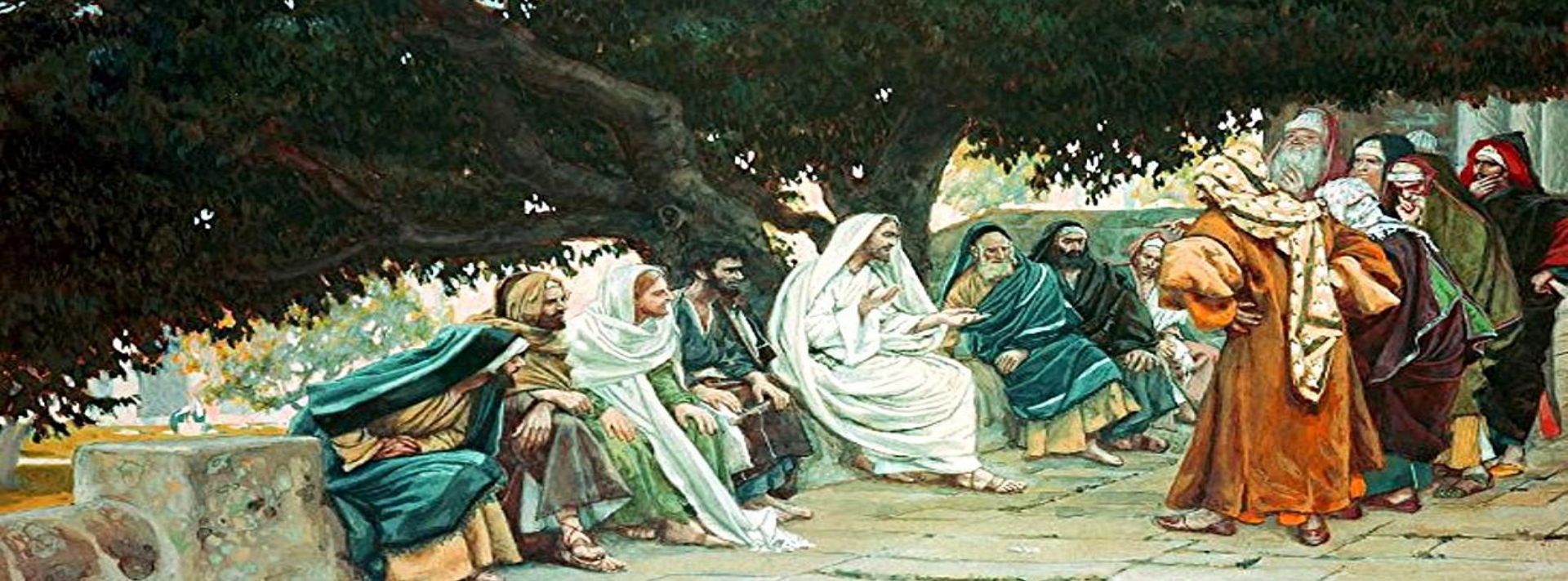


MATTHEW CHAPTER 16

WHO IS JESUS?

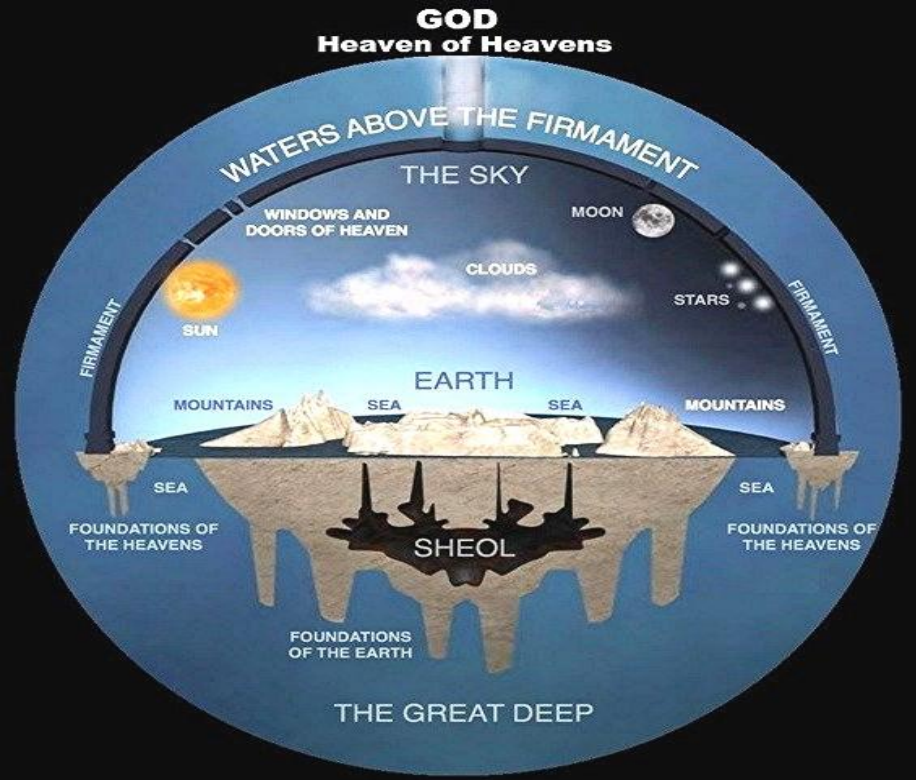
- The Gospels show that Yeshua is a complexity of attributes and roles, and He can't be defined by a simplistic faith doctrine
- To this point, the Jews only think of Him as a *Tzadik*
- Yeshua is in Magadan to begin Matthew 16
- Some Pharisees and Sadducees have come to demand Yeshua show them a sign
- The sign is to prove that His powers don't come from Satan, but rather from God



- Mark 8:11 - 22
- Matthew's intended audience are Jews, while Mark's intended audience are gentile Romans
- Pharisee and Sadducee are political/social factions
- The Synagogue favored Pharisee leadership, while the Temple favored Sadducee leadership
- As of now, the entire Jewish religious leadership is gunning for Him

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

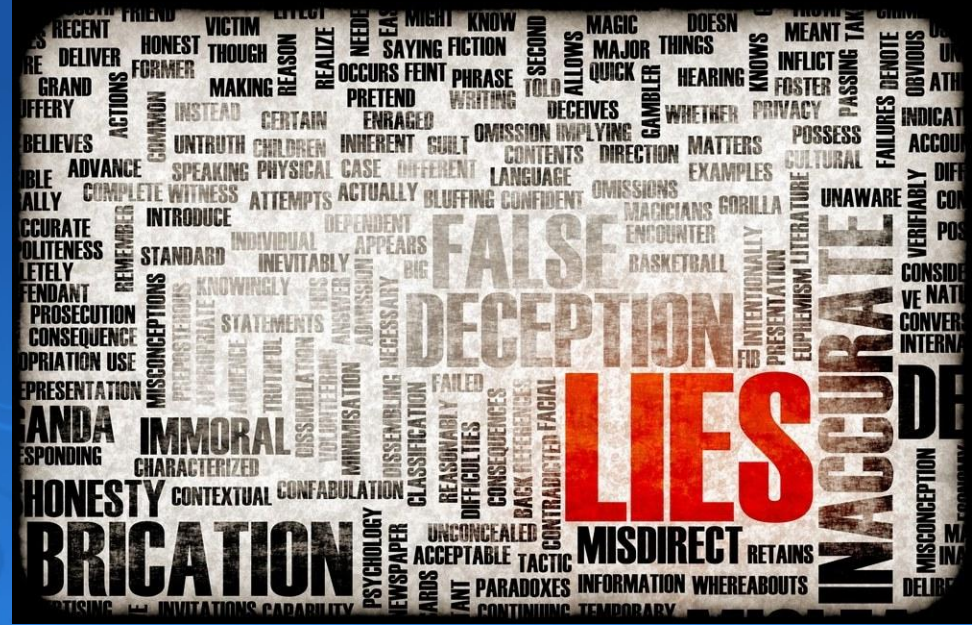
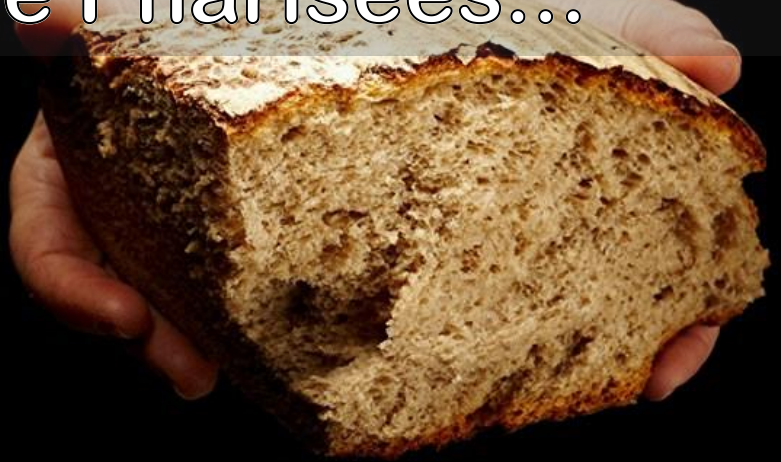
- Absurd that these religious leaders want another sign
- The red sky is a sign in heaven (the heaven where the birds fly)
- WHEN the red sky occurred was decisive in whether it was a good or a bad omen
- These leaders can read the weather but not where they are in redemption history





- W.D. Davies: *“Whereas miracles do not create faith, faith does in fact work miracles”*
- Adulterous means to be unfaithful to the God they purport to be in union with and serve
- Yeshua abruptly ended the confrontation and left in a boat
- *Lechem* = bread, food in general

“...guard yourselves from the leaven of the Pharisees...”



- Mark says the disciples did have ONE loaf of bread on-board
- An Aramaic word play
- *H'amira* = leaven
- *Amira* = teaching
- Jesus could speak Aramaic
- The meaning of the message of the leaven:
we tend to place our trust in religious leaders. We should do that with a strong sense of caution!!



Fact Check



- 21st century Believers have the means to see if what we're being taught agrees with the Bible
- Vast on-line resources seem to be a fulfillment of Dan.12:4
- “As knowledge increases”. Not long ago Theological schools had the knowledge locked away, but now that is easily available for all to see



Don't you understand... ..even now?!

- Christ's disciples still held the Jewish leadership in high regard
- Disciples thought Yeshua meant it literally when He talked about bread and *hametz*
- Yeshua blames the disciples' inability to understand on having "little trust"
- *Zakar* = paying heed to something



Caesarea Philippi

- *How can you think I was talking about leaven used to make bread?!*
- Mark 8: 15 The leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod
- Caesarea Philippi = Banias, home of Pan
- Some say Yeshua is John the Baptist, others Elijah, others Jeremiah
- People were uncertain how to label Jesus
- That Yeshua might be Messiah never seems to enter anyone's mind

“Who are people saying the Son of Man is?”



Jesus of Nazareth

Yeshua HaNazarei

Vemelekh HaYhudim

The King of the Jews



- For 1st century Jews, what was a Messiah, and what would he do?
- Yeshua was misunderstood
- John 6:14 – 15
- Jews thought he would be a political figure
- 2Samuel 7:4 – 16
- Romans saw Jesus as a political offender
- Yeshua wanted no part of being a political or nationalistic figure

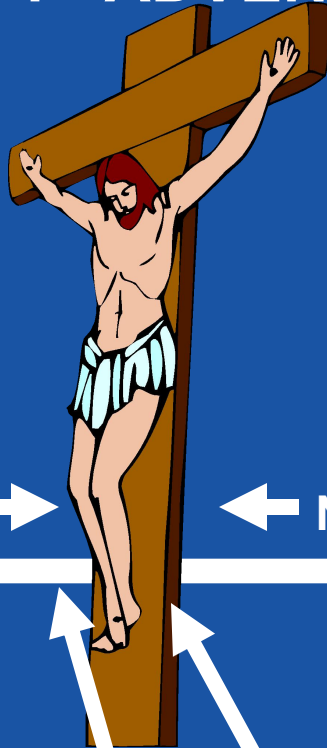
THE ANOINTED ONE

- **Mashiach** = anointed one
- Does NOT mean Savior
- 1) person spiritually anointed by God as His chosen leader
- 2) literally anointed in a ceremony
- Christian view of Jesus comes mainly from the final 1 or 2 chapters of each of the Gospel accounts about His death and resurrection
- This view is read back into to the pre-death history of Christ



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