

“Just Pay Attention to the Fruit”

Matthew 7:15-23

Intro:

How do you know who is real and who is not? How can you tell? Who do you trust? How do you know?

- To which Jesus says in **verse 16**, *“It's really not that hard to tell. It's not that confusing. You'll know them by their fruits.”*

As He comes to the end of His sermon, Jesus is basically asking, *“Is there any evidence in your life of taking up this yoke; this way of living, loving, and following Me?”*

This phrase, *“Lord, Lord”* is very significant. It's key to our understanding of what Jesus is actually saying here. To say, *“Lord, Lord”* in Jesus' day is a very specific reference *technically referring* to the correct confession of the Christian Christological title that *“Jesus is Lord.”*

In other words, what He is saying here is not everyone who has the correct confession of the Christological title, who has that correct confession has necessarily entered into the life.

This is the first time this teaching of false sheep and false shepherds has in occurred Matthew. However, it is not the first time that it is brought up in Scripture.

Examples:

- Jesus reveals several ways one can identify a wolf in sheep's clothing in Matthew 23 –

Application: