

Observing Without Seeing

Matthew 16:1-28

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The Pharisees and Sadducees were diametrically _____ to one another philosophically, _____, politically, and socially. They normally had _____ dealings with one another and were in constant _____, but they joined forces in a coalition to _____ Jesus. They viewed Him as their enemy because He constantly spoke _____ and confronted them with their sin.

A. Weather Forecasting (vv. 2-4)

1. Pharisees

- They were the _____ in religion.
- They believed in the supernatural, _____, angels and _____.
- They believed Rome had no right to have _____ over them.

2. Sadducees

- They were the _____ in religion.
- They did _____ believe in the supernatural, miracles, angels, or resurrection.
- They _____ to Roman authority, and even insisted upon it.

3. Both groups saw Jesus as an _____.

4. They both could see the multitude of signs, but _____ the reality to which they those signs pointed.

- They were _____ on a certain level.
- They could see _____ observation, but could not discern the signs of the _____.

5. Jesus classified them as an _____ and adulterous generation.

- They were evil in their _____.
- They were harmful in their _____.
- Their moral nature was _____ because of the evil of their _____ nature, which was atrophied.
- They could not see because they were _____ adulterous.
- _____ was the sign Jesus pointed them to.
- One _____ sign would be coming soon that could not be explained away, the _____ resurrection of Jesus.

B. Leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees (vv. 5-12)

1. What leaven does scientifically: “a chemical _____ of an organic compound”

- It is that which _____, is fermentation.
- It always _____ up, and ultimately destroys.
- It works _____ and is persistent in its destruction.

2. False teaching and what it meant in human life as to its _____

- It is _____.
- It is often presented in the _____ of religion.
- It _____ ruins and destroys.

3. Jesus rebuked the sign seekers and revealed the _____ of their failure.

- They were _____ because they were evil.
- They were evil because they were morally and spiritually _____ to God.

4. Jesus _____ the disciples against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.