

"Faith. Not Signs." Matthew 16:1-12

I. T	The Pharisees and Sadducees came to test Jesus by asking				
	for	· a	from	(16:1).	
Matthew 1	1:2-6,	Isaiah 35:4-5			
	a.	Jesus reflects on	their ability to discern		
			_ but not to discern the		
			of the	_(16:2-3).	
	b. Jesus condemns generations looking for				
			rather than discerning	the word	
		of God (16:4a).			
Luke 16:31	l				
	c.	Jesus refuses any sign but declares again that they			
		will receive the s	ign of	_ (16:4b).	
Matthew 12	2:39-4	41			
II. T	he di	sciples seem to be	catching up to Jesus aft	er His	
	inc	individual encounter with the Pharisees and Sadducees			
	an	and warns them to beware of the leaven of these			
		teachers (16:5-6).			

a.	The disciples were already in the awkward position		
	of having forgotten food provisions	ions and their lack of	
	physical provisions—Jesus rebukes their		
	faith (16:7-10).		
b.	Jesus is essentially rebuking the disciples for		
	interpreting the physical ahead of His more		
	significant	assertion (17:11-	
	12).		
John 6:56, 61-63	3; Mark 11:22-26		