

Beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees

Matthew 16:1-12

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Main Point:

Jesus has given you sufficient proof that He is Savior and King; heed the signs and trust in Him!

1. As in Jesus' day, we live in a generation that wants proof before they will believe in Him.

2. Jesus has already given us sufficient proof of His true identity in His earthly miracles.

3. The greatest proof of Jesus' true identity is His resurrection from the dead.

4. Heed the signs and trust in Jesus!

Quotations and Cross-References

John 10:37 ³⁷ "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; (NKJV)

R.C. Sproul "They asked Jesus for a sign that was unmistakably from heaven, a sign that would settle the question of His identity once and for all."

Matthew 12:28 ²⁸ "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. (NKJV)

R.C. Sproul "If we want a sign from God, all we need to do is open our Bibles."

Matthew 12:39-40 ³⁹ But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (NKJV)

Acts 2:32, 36 ³² "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses ... ³⁶ "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." (NKJV)

Mark Ross "The crowning miracle of Jesus, the one that would put an end to all questions concerning his claims, his person, his power, and his authority, would be his resurrection from the dead."

John 20:30-31 ³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. (NKJV)

Mark Ross "Believers can also be corrupted by unbelief, by forgetting what the Lord has done and thus can do."