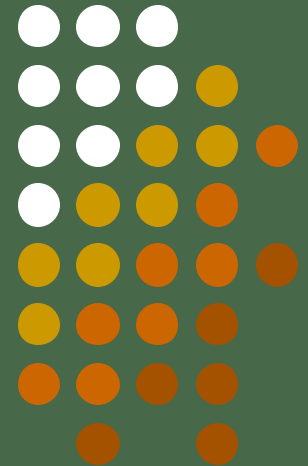


Spotting A Counterfeit

Spotting false knowledge, false miracle workers, and false Christians.



False Knowledge



- **1 Tim 6:20** *"O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called "knowledge"— which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith. Grace be with you."*
- **Romans 10:17** *"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ. "*
- This false knowledge Paul refers to are arguments against what had been entrusted to Timothy. What was entrusted to Timothy was the word of God or the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3).
- One current example, that you may have seen in the news, is the so-called lost gospel of Judas.
- Another example is The DaVinci Code, even though said to be fiction, the author has said he believes it is true, that Jesus wasn't crucified but married Mary Magdalene and his fleshly children continue to this day.

True Knowledge



- **2 Corinthians 10:5** *"We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, "*
- **Romans 1:18-20** *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. "*

False Miracle Workers



- **2 Thess 2:9-12** *"that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness."*

Purpose of Miracles



- **Mark 16:17-20** *"These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."* So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed."

False Christians



- **Galatians 2:3-4** *"But not even Titus, who was with me, though he was a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. But it was because of the false brethren secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us into bondage."*
- **Matthew 7:21-23** *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness."*

True Christians



- **Matthew 11:29** "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."
- **John 15:14** "You are My friends if you do what I command you."
- **John 12:26** "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him."
- **1 John 2:6** "the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked."
- **Galatians 3:26-27** "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."