

Please read this very important pamphlet...

Please consider the possibility that you have never **accurately** heard the words and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. If you have never heard much about Jesus of Nazareth, then you are in a very good place. If however, you were raised in a christian environment or are currently participating in a christian organization, then I ask you to please seek beyond what you currently know. After all, if you really do know the real Jesus, then you will not be defensive about someone wanting to discuss his person and teachings. If you are uncomfortable about discussing - or reading - Jesus' words or teachings, then perhaps you are insecure in your faith or afraid to really search out what you believe about very important matters like life after death?

The truth is that many people know facts **about** Jesus of Nazareth in their minds, yet so very few **know him** as their living Master. Equally rare are those who actually know what Jesus **himself** teaches. Many know 'the bible' fairly well, but very few know Jesus' teachings well. You should find this quite strange seeing that Jesus' Words are easily and widely available in that portion of the bible know as 'the gospels'. Even fewer still are willing to try and do what Jesus' says. Why are these things so? First, because the human heart does not naturally seek after God, but rather desires to unbelieve and disobey, even while calling that disobedience 'freedom' or even 'religious faithfulness'. Second, because there is a very effective counterfeit available to people so they can fool themselves into thinking that their involvement with the counterfeit is 'faithfulness' to God and thus will somehow make them right with God.

A counterfeit is a false, fake or substitute representation of something real. A 'good' counterfeit is that which copies most accurately the real thing. In the natural realm, if a person can print their own money, most would prefer that to having to work to earn money. This is why men work so

hard to both make counterfeit money, as well as to make it difficult to make counterfeit money. As another example, many people would prefer to be able to create their own plane tickets and hotel tickets to go on a vacation, instead of having to pay money to purchase those things. The counterfeits are intended to get you what you want while 'saving you' the time, effort or resources of attaining those things properly. And when a counterfeit is used, someone is being deceived. Many times, a counterfeit is used by people who did not create it, but are deceived themselves by not being diligent in checking to see if what they are using is a counterfeit.

Here is a stunning truth that needs to be considered. The same is **true of people trying to get to heaven**. That is, that most people prefer the counterfeit to doing what is necessary to gain entry into heaven properly, that is, as God has prescribed. The vast majority of religious people don't make much of any effort to check out if what they are involved in is the real thing or a counterfeit. And this counterfeit is unlike material things in that it is not only easy to produce and use the counterfeit, but the very people who claim they are the authorities in being able to tell you how to identify a counterfeit, will tell you the counterfeit IS the real thing! As you can imagine, a counterfeit of this nature would be used by the vast majority of people. And in fact, Jesus says it is with these words:

"Strive to enter through the narrow door; **for many, I tell you, will seek to enter (using the counterfeit) and will not be able.**"; and, "Enter through **the narrow gate**; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and **there are many who enter through it**. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and **there are few who find it.**" (Luke 13:24 & Matthew 7:13-14)

And what is the counterfeit that Jesus describes – the wide gate and broad way - which most use to seek to enter into heaven but, "will not be able"? **It is**

religion, especially christian religion. Christian religion – otherwise known as 'the church' - is the counterfeit to **true faith, as a child, in Jesus of Nazareth who reveals himself by his own Words in the gospels.**

You see, dear friend, christian religion – that which calls itself Jesus' church – **nullifies or makes of no effect Jesus' most important teachings.** If the people in the christian religious organizations did follow Jesus' teachings, those organizations would cease to exist, for Jesus' teachings contradict the very beliefs and actions those organizations are built upon and practice. **Yes, the teachings of Jesus destroy that which calls itself some variety, denomination or sect of Jesus' church.** Please don't be offended, but have a heart to want to know the truth no matter what. If you do this, you will find the truth, for Jesus says he is the truth. If you are not willing to seek the truth with all your heart, you cannot possibly know the Real Jesus in the Way he says leads to life eternal.

The counterfeit versus the real thing

As we have observed, to identify a counterfeit, you must have the real thing against which to compare it. Let's take a brief look at perhaps the most important teaching of Jesus in regard to the counterfeit.

Human Spiritual Leadership

Jesus says, "I have other sheep, which are not of this fold (non-Jews); I must bring them also, and they will hear **My voice** (not 'the bible's' or Paul's); and they will become **one flock with one shepherd**." (John 10:16) In the surrounding verses, Jesus makes a clear claim to being the One good Shepherd. "But do not be called teacher; for **One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers.** Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. **Do not be called leaders; for One is your Leader, that is, Messiah.**" (Matthew 23:8-10) Jesus plainly says

that his followers will have one teacher and leader, himself, and thus all followers are brothers. Brothers, by definition, do not have authority over one another.

In clear contrast, christian religion, the counterfeit, says, “the bible says (or our tradition says) that the church has the following **teachers and leaders** - apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds/pastors, teachers, elders, bishops, overseer’s, priests, rabbi’s, father’s, popes, ministers, deacons, etc.”

The contradictions are clear IF you are listening to the Shepherd’s voice. So, dear reader, who is YOUR leader? Chances are, it is ultimately yourself and not Jesus, even though you will pay lip service to religious, family, community, political or other leaders.

In regard to Jesus’ teaching that there will be “**one flock**”, christian leaders say, ‘oh, there are many flocks’ (denominations, churches, ‘faith’ traditions, etc.); or worse yet, they deceive themselves and say, ‘oh, all christians are one flock, we just see things differently or gather in different churches’. So, they are “one flock”, but they walk past each other on the way to their respective and separate religious buildings, which buildings are often less than a mile apart. They seldom if ever make any attempts to truly love one another across those religious walls of separation. Jesus calls this hypocrisy, and hypocrisy is one of the worst sins we can commit. What do YOU call it?

The contrast is clear if you are willing to listen to Jesus with a **child-like faith that he says is required to hear him** (this is in contrast to ‘christian leader’ or scholar so-and-so). So Jesus says that he is the **ONLY** leader of his followers, whereas christian religion says that there are many leaders in between the people and Jesus. Jesus says that his followers will be “one flock” under the “one Good Shepherd”, but christian leaders say ‘no, there are many flocks and each of the many flocks has a

human leader (which many call ‘pastor’ which deceitfully means shepherd) in between the people and Jesus’.

So, the people listen to Paul (the bible) or their human leaders instead of Jesus. This is the worst nullification of Jesus’ teachings that can exist. For those who believe it cannot have Jesus as their leader, and thus they **reject Jesus as their sole leader**. Jesus explicitly and plainly says that he **alone** is to be the **only leader** of those claiming to **follow him**, which is only rational...a follower of JESUS! (NOT of Paul or your local clergyman or worse yet, both!) Jesus says, “Why do you call me **Lord** and not do what I say?”

And yet christian religion says, ‘no, Jesus doesn’t mean that...listen to Paul and he will tell you that we have other leaders in addition to Jesus, namely we clergymen’. So christian leaders say, ‘listen to Paul and he tells you to listen to us in order to know Jesus’. But God Himself testifies of His Son from heaven, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, **listen to HIM**”. (And as we have seen, Jesus plainly says that he is to be his followers only or sole leader.)

So, dear reader, what will YOU do with this truth from the one who says he is the Truth? (Jesus says, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life”.) You now have a clear choice before you...a very important choice. You will either continue to ignore the Words and teachings of Jesus, or not. If you are active in christian religion, you will probably dismiss the Words of Jesus in favor of your religious and social involvement in your local religious organization. And why would you do this? **Because you are deceived and are not willing to receive the Words of Jesus**. “Many who claim to represent me will come and will deceive many”. “This is the condemnation, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light.” Please seek the Real Jesus with all your heart, for that is the only Way you will find him.

The Words of Jesus of Nazareth:

‘Don’t be a christian,
instead follow **ME**’

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