

Jesus Christ or Jesus Christ, Who Do you Choose? Part 2
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What are the main teachings that false Christs, prophets, and teachers promote in the last days?

2 Timothy 3:1 - 5

- 1 This know also, that in the last days perilous [GK: *reducing the strength / fierce*] times shall come.
- 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent [GK: without self-control, no temperance] , fierce, **despisers of those that are good**,
- 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, **lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God**;
- 5 **Having a form of godliness**, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

They reject the truth of Christ and his Word-the Holy Spirit! Love pleasure, proud, boasters, covetous, etc...

2 Timothy 3:6, 7

- 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,
- 7 **Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

Ever learning and being educated in the ways of the world and its entertainment but NEVER able to come to the truth nor have the desire to follow the Word of God.

This is the bottom line. The false Christ promotes the lust of the flesh, pride, and self through the pretense of false love. Lovers of pleasure is false love.

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man **spoil** you through **philosophy and vain deceit**, after the **tradition of men**, after the **rudiments (principles) of the world**, and not after **Christ**.

Spoil (Greek) =

Thayer Definition:

1) to carry off booty

1a) to carry one off as a captive (and slave)

1b) to lead away from the truth and subject to one's sway

False Christ celebrates the philosophies and achievements of men, follow the traditions of men instead of the Bible, and the principles of the world of sin. They celebrate the minister that preaches a false christ that teaches after the philosophies and traditions of men.

1 Timothy 6:3 - 5

- 3 **If any man teach otherwise**, and **consent not to wholesome words**, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;
- 4 **He is proud, knowing nothing**, but **doting about questions and strifes of words**, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

5 **Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds**, and destitute of the truth, **supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.**

Perverse disputings (Greek): *misemployment*, - Strong's

Misemployment: : to use (something) in a wrong or harmful way. - Merriam-Webster dictionary

2 Peter 2:1 - 3

1 But there were **false prophets also among the people**, even as there shall be **false teachers among you**, who **privily shall bring in damnable heresies**, even **denying the Lord that bought them**, and **bring upon themselves swift destruction**.

2 And **many shall follow their pernicious ways**; by reason of whom the **way of truth shall be evil spoken of**.

3 And through **covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you**: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

False prophets and false Christs promote self, pride covetousness, lustful living to fulfill there own selfish and covetousness desires. They promote emotionalism over the study of God's Word. They believe emotionalism is the holy spirit.

The Holy Spirit is not emotionalism.

John 16:8, 9, 13

8 **And when he is come, he will reprove (convict) the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:**

9 **Of sin, because they believe not on me;**

13 **Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:**

Modern Christian world adopts Humanism

The religion of the false Christ resemble the humanism which is a tread found in ALL false religions, Christian and non-christian. Humanism is based on self. Self is the foundation to solve all problems. They teach that self should be gratified, pleased, and esteemed. Humanism actually rejects the existence of God or Jesus and is unbelievable how the Christian world has bought into this lie! How? Through our modern educational system that teaches it from K – college!

The official logos for humanism (the happy man) – show on screen...

Christian organizations clearly reveal that they have adopted humanism, the false Christ, by their logo! It is known as Christian humanism.

Hope Channel – Seventh-day Adventist official tv station

Show other examples

The false Christ religion says make Jesus more like us with our infirmities and lustful thinking. Instead of being like Christ they want Christ to like sinful humanity. The Christ who is into our stuff and entertainment. The “cool” “hip hop” “rock and roll” dancing Jesus!

What kind of doctrines and teachers do they seek?

2 Timothy 4:3, 4

- 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
4 And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables

Who do you choose Jesus Christ or Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ or Barabbas?

After Jesus arrest and night trails, he was brought before Pilate for the final time for him to approve the Jewish Sanhedrin death sentence against Christ. They tried to accuse Jesus of insurrection, conspiring to overthrow Rome, but their false witnesses fell through. They accused Him of blasphemy, but it was not really a crime against Rome. They threw Jesus before Pilate to be persecuted. Pilate was hoping to secure the loyalty the people and the approval of the emperor of Rome, **Tiberius Caesar Augustus**. He also feared the prospects of losing his governorship of Judea. So he went through the motions of the trial of Jesus. Hoping to look tough, but he was planning to ultimately let Jesus go. Pilate knew the leaders of Israel was envious of Jesus and hated Him. Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent of all charges.

Luke 23:13 - 16

- 13 And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,
14 Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined *him* before you, have found **no fault** in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him:
15 No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him.
16 I will therefore chastise him, and release *him*.

Neither Pilate the governor nor Herod the tetrarch over the region found Jesus guilty and that He did nothing to receive the death penalty through crucifixion.

It was a pagan custom of Rome to release a prisoner at the time of a festival. The Jewish nation was celebrating Passover and Pilate thought that they would release Jesus, but he was greatly mistaken!

Matthew 27:16, 17

- 16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called **Barabbas**.
17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

Barabbas (Greek) = Son of Abba (Father)

The name implies that Barabbas claimed to be the anointed one from heaven, the son of the Father in heaven. He claimed to be the Messiah. But his claims where only that.

“The Roman authorities at this time held a prisoner named Barabbas, who was under sentence of death. **This man had claimed to be the Messiah. He claimed authority to establish a different order of things, to set the world right.** Under satanic delusion he claimed that whatever he could obtain by theft and robbery was his own. He had done wonderful things through satanic agencies, he had gained a following among the people, and had excited sedition against the Roman government. Under cover of religious enthusiasm he was a hardened and desperate villain, bent on rebellion and cruelty.” **Desire of Ages, P. 734**

Barabbas, the false Jesus Christ was found guilty by Rome for insurrection, theft, and murder!

Mark 15:7 And there was *one* named Barabbas, *which lay* bound with **them that had made insurrection with him**, who had **committed murder in the insurrection**

Luke 23:19 (Who for a certain sedition (uprising) made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.)

John 18:40 Now **Barabbas was a robber.**

Now before the people Pilate had Jesus Christ the truth, humble and innocent and Barabbas, the false Christ who was convicted of insurrection, murder, and theft.

But you can imagine the Barabbas was still popular among the people that he was able to get sympathizer. He claimed his innocence for the good of the people. He still claimed to be the saviour of Israel and that he will one day overthrow Rome and bring in a new era for Israel.

Matthew 27:17 - 26

- 17** Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? **Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?**
- 18** For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.
- 19** When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.
- 20** But the **chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude** that they should ask **Barabbas**, and **destroy Jesus.**
- 21** The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, **Barabbas.**
- 22** Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? **They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.**
- 23** And the governor said, Why, **what evil hath he done?** But they cried out the more, saying, **Let him be crucified.**
- 24** When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, **but that rather a tumult [uproar] was made**, he took water, and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, **I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.**
- 25** Then answered all the people, and said, **His blood be on us, and on our children.**
- 26** Then **released he Barabbas** unto them: and **when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.**

Why did they choose Barabbas, the false Christ?

They did not study for themselves the OT scriptures about the true Messiah, Jesus Christ. Their minds were on themselves. They believed the smooth sayings of Barabbas and his promoters of deception. They were persuaded by the leaders of the Jews.

Jesus revealed to the Jews the importance of the study of God's Word to accept the true Jesus.

Speaking to the Jews,

John 5:43 - 46

- 43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.
- 44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that *cometh* from God only?
- 45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is *one* that accuseth you, *even* Moses, in whom ye trust.
- 46 **For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.**

After the resurrection of Jesus, He taught to the disciples that He is the true Jesus Christ, through the study of the scriptures.

Luke 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Jesus went to the cross that was intended for Barabbas. Barabbas was suppose to be the one in between both of his co-conspirators. But Jesus took Barabbas's place! It interesting to note that even though a great majority choose Barabbas, there was one next to Christ on the cross who was a follower of Barabbas, guilty of theft and a conspirator with Barabbas was converted on the cross and rejected the **false Christ to accept the true Christ.** **Even though many choose Barabbas, the false Christ, praise the Lord, Jesus choose to hang on the cross that was intended for Barabbas to die for my sins.**

Who do you choose, Jesus Christ or Jesus Christ?

Jesus of the Bible says, John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

There is only one way. Which Jesus do you chose? Which Jesus do you worship?

Ephesians 4:4 - 6

- 4 *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- 6 One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

The church of Barabbas as fallen, Babylon.... Revelation 18:2 say its has "become a habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." The true Jesus says in verse 4, "Come out of her, my people!"