

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 9th August (KEC SERVICE ONLINE)

Before the livestream starts at 9am:

KIDS VIDEO will be made available by 8.30am. This week, we meet King Herod, a powerful human King who seeks to overcome and destroy King Jesus and his Kingdom. But the Book of Acts shows us that Jesus is the only REAL King. Come and see how the mission of the Risen King Jesus cannot be stopped!

Direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gR7Z9E8SfTA>

9am – Livestream starts

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0. Starter discussion question: “How can you tell if someone is a false teacher?”

1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Jeremiah 29:4-20

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Joshua Baru)

SONG 1: This I believe (The Creed)

SONG 2: Come thou fount of every blessing

3. Doctrine for Doxology: 5 tests of false doctrine

4. Prayers of intercession

- World
- Nation
- Church

5. Bible reading: Matthew 7:15-23

¹⁵“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

²¹“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ ²³Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

SERMON OUTLINE: A Jesus person...watches carefully (Matt. 7:15-23)

Deceiving ourselves

Our capacity for (self-)deception is pretty big!

The context of the Sermon of the Mount

The big shock of today's passage: v.22-23

How can I not be deceived, whether by myself or by someone else, into thinking I'm on the Jesus way when I'm not?

Safeguard 1: You need to face up to the danger you can be deceived (v.15)

"Beware"!

What prophets are

False prophets – deception lies in their *message*

Cf. Jer. 6:13-24, 23:16-18

Dangerous wolves

False prophets – deception lies in their *method*

Look like sheep!

Common and active

Safeguard 2: You need to develop the right benchmark for detection and diagnosis (v.16-20)

“By their fruit you will recognise them”

The fruit tells you what kind of tree it is

Eventually

But what kind of fruit are we to look for?

Easy for us to mistake what is the good fruit!

But what does Jesus care about?

The Old Testament picture of Israel

Not a comprehensive formula, but a (the?) vital test

Don't deceive yourselves by applying the wrong benchmark!

Safeguard 3: You need to do what counts, not what doesn't count (v.21-23)

“Deceiving and being deceived” (cf. 2 Tim. 3:13)

We could deceive ourselves into doing what doesn't count!

Believe the right doctrine is enough

Doing visible, powerful works is enough

So what really counts?

“The one who does the will of my Father in heaven”

Eyes not on works but on Christ

The destructive consequences

Ultimately, that means paying attention to our hearts

The encouragement

The challenge

Don't be deceived, but recognize that true representatives of the kingdom will bear good fruit that comes from the heart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Webinar: “Blessed: A Biblical Theology of Blessing” with Paul Barker (Fri 14th Aug, 8pm)
- Equip class: NT1
- SotM reflections: <https://www.bemkec.my/sotmreflections>
- Giving
- Prayer Meeting

BENEDICTION

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24