

# Don't Fall for This All-Too-Common Deception on Easter Sunday

What a joyous week this is as all of Christendom rejoices in the sacrificial death and resurrection of the Son of God, the Messiah, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

But did you know that there is “another Jesus” that the Scriptures warns us about? In fact, the Bible teaches that many of those who think they are Christians will be following *the wrong Jesus* this Easter Sunday—a very serious error because the “other Jesus” cannot save them from their sins.

The “other Jesus” is a cultural concoction of form, ceremony, idolatry, sin and deception. He is whitewashed on the outside, but inside, he is filled with dead men's bones (Matt. 23:27-28).

In 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, the Holy Spirit warned that people would be teaching “another Jesus” (“Jesus” means “Savior”).

*But I fear that somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve through his trickery, so your minds might be led astray from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if you receive another spirit, which you have not received, or another gospel, which you have not accepted, you might submit to it readily enough (2 Cor. 11:3-4).*

## The Nature of Deceivers

In 2 Corinthians 11:13-15, the Holy Spirit warns of men posing as “angels of light” who come to deceive:

*For such are false apostles and deceitful workers, disguising*

*themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also disguise themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.*

Such hirelings fill the pulpits of an astonishing number of churches, preaching immorality, selfishness, unbelief, greed and even worse. They are tares (weeds that look like wheat) among genuine wheat (Matt. 13:24-30).

Not only do many follow a different Jesus, still others mislead many by proclaiming that *they* are the Christ—meaning “the anointed one”. In the “Olivet Discourse,” Jesus warned of “false Christs” who would deceive many:

*“Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. ... Then many will fall away ... And many false prophets will arise and will deceive many” (Matt. 24:4-5, 10-11).*