

## Beware of Sheep Imitations

Series: *Jesus Uncut – Sermon on the Mount*  
– Matthew 7:15-20 –

### 1. BE WARNED

*“Beware of false prophets...” (vs. 15)*

### 2. BE WATCHING

*“You will recognize them by their fruits...” (vs. 16)*

A. *“More Law” (Legalism)*

B. *“No Law” (Tolerance)*

#### THREE TESTS:

\* The **TEACHING** Test (Correctness)

\* The **SILENCE** Test (Content)

\* The **BEATITUDE** Test (Character)

#### Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. Why is it significant that Jesus' warning about false prophets comes immediately after His teaching about the narrow and wide gates?
3. What is a false prophet? What are some words you might use to describe them?
4. Notice that they come to us in “sheep’s clothing.” What disguises might they wear today?
5. Jesus affirms the link between the health of the tree and its fruit (see also James 3:12). From this, what observations are safe to make when it comes to human lives?
6. How would you describe the difference between discernment and judgment? How do we rightly recognize their fruit without judging?
7. What are some things (fruit) that assure you that our church is not being led by false prophets?
8. Is it just preachers, or could you be guilty of being a false prophet? Explain

