



Invasion of the False Christs

**Many shall come in my name saying,
I am "ANOINTED." (Matthew 24:5)**

The Christian Age has witnessed many who appeared and claimed to be the reincarnation or reappearance of the Lord Jesus Christ; and no doubt more will continue to come forth. However in this our day, countless numbers of these false christs have *already* infiltrated the Church of Jesus Christ—but not in the way that one might expect.

In the above title Scripture the word “Christ” is intentionally replaced with the word “anointed:” the literal definition in both Greek and Hebrew.¹ Jesus Christ literally means *Jesus the Anointed One*. Therefore in the most basic and most literal interpretation of Matthew 24:5, Jesus said, *Many shall come in my name, saying, “I am anointed.”*

The Greek word used for “many” literally means: *much, or largest number, or a very large number.*² While it might be admitted that *many* men have come forth claiming that they themselves are Jesus Christ returned to Earth, it remains questionable whether *a great many* have done so. But by definition Jesus warned of *a great many* coming forth claiming to be *anointed*.

Warning Given to His Followers

This warning was not given to non-believers. Various religions are indeed expecting some sort of “christ.” Buddhism awaits an ascended master whom they refer to as “the christ.” But he is not the Christ of the Bible. The New Age believes in an evolutionary godhood, and teaches that everyone has the “christ-principle” within, and that therefore everyone can become a “christ.” But again, this is not the Jesus of the Scriptures, who lived a sinless life and then died for the sins of the world. Neither was the warning given to Christians-in-Name-Only (CINO’s);³ for these have neither the heart to believe, nor the faithfulness to obey the *religion* they profess. No. The warning was given specifically to faithful followers of Jesus Christ—the *Elect*.⁴ It is therefore concluded that these false christs will appear within the Christian Church.

Identity of the False Christs

These false christ's will not dare claim that they themselves are Jesus Christ returned to Earth. For no true Christian who understands the Scriptures will believe them. Therefore they will not say, “*I am Christ;*” They will say, *I am anointed!* They will declare themselves anointed by God, sent by God, and given a ministry by God. They will claim for themselves a garment⁵ they do not possess—for in reality they are poor, and blind, and NAKED.⁶

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The Mission of the False Christs

Jesus said the mission of these false christs is *to deceive many*; to lead them far away from the truth. They will destroy the faith of their charges—by placing an *image* of a false christ in the temple of their hearts. Their two main deceptions are: 1) Convince souls they are saved—when they are not, and, 2) Convince them they received the Holy Spirit—when they did not.

False Christs in the Pews

This deception goes even further. This study will not go so far as to declare that all true Christians, who may not have the Indwelling Christ, though they believe that they do, are false christs; for they may truly have the Holy Spirit *with them*, though He might not yet be *in them*. But the true followers of Jesus Christ need not despair, for the Lord will more readily forgive ignorance than deception and hypocrisy. The pastor and teacher will receive the greater condemnation.⁷ Even so, the innocent and uninformed are commanded to investigate this matter themselves.⁸

Question: *How is the true Christian to know for certain that he has the Promise of the Father?* Answer: Certainly not by a pastor or teacher declaring that you do. No! Jesus *breathes* His Spirit into the faithful—just as He did for the disciples on the Feast of Firstfruits.⁹ The Spirit of the Resurrected Christ manifests Himself as an inward, conscious, tangible, and moving *Breath of God*.¹⁰

The Mission of the Evil One

The false christs are unwittingly (some even wittingly) carrying out the work of the Enemy of Jesus Christ—by preventing His true followers from entering into the Promise.¹¹ These leaders do not enter in themselves, and prevent others from entering in as well.¹² This is the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees that Jesus warned about:¹³ the Pharisees, who loved the *letter* of the Law more than the Lord;¹⁴ the Sadducees, who had no faith to believe in the (inward) resurrection of the Spirit.¹⁵

Question: *But who is able to recognize these false christs?* Answer: Jesus gave this warning to His faithful and obedient followers; therefore it's the faithful and obedient followers who can more easily identify them. They will not only turn away from these false christs, but also warn their brethren. And as every Christian has the responsibility of detecting a false message or a false prophecy,¹⁶ so, too, the Christian has the responsibility of identifying these false christs.¹⁷

Timing of the False Christs

Jesus warned that this deception would intensify at the end of the age,¹⁸ shortly before His return to set up His Kingdom; and that the Church at that time would be largely Laodicean. The Laodiceans praised themselves for their wonderful ministries, multiplying attendance, magnificent buildings, and beautiful worship music. HOWEVER, Jesus condemned them as being poor, blind, and naked; for they had done all those works—*without having received the Promise of the Father*.¹⁹

Today the Holy Spirit of God is knocking at the door of every true Christian heart—asking them to believe and enter into the Promise.²⁰ You cannot pray for something you believe you already have. Only those who realize their nakedness, and who hunger and thirst for the Promise—will be filled!²¹ Those who fail to receive this Promise are as the Children of Israel, who wandered the wilderness for 40 years—and died without receiving their inheritance.²² Of that generation only Joshua and Caleb had the faith to enter and possess the Promised Land.²³

As for the Christian, true conversion guarantees *entrance* into the Kingdom of God.²⁴ But only the Promise of the Father can secure the *Inheritance*.²⁵

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NOTES & SCRIPTURES

Scriptures are from the King James Bible

- 1 Strong's Dictionary, *christos* G5547.
- 2 Strong's Dictionary, G4183, G4118.
- 3 CINO: Christian in name only. A person who claims to be a Christian but doesn't live as a Christian...(urbandictionary.com)
- 4 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect. (Mat 24:24)
- 5 For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.(2Co 5:1-3)

I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.(Rev 3:18)
- 6 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: (Rev 3:17)

They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there *any* breath in their mouths.(Psa 135:17)
- 7 Through ignorance this Writer taught this great error for many years and was reprimanded; but has since repented, and was forgiven. (1John 1:9)
- 8 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. (Joh 5:39)
- 9 Then the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace

be unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: (Joh 20:19-22)

- 10 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (Gen 2:7)

All the while my breath *is* in me, and the spirit of God *is* in my nostrils; (Job 27:3)

The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life. (Job 33:4)

Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: (Eze 37:5)

And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: (Joh 20:22)

- 11 And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief. (Mat 13:58)
- 12 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. (Mat 23:13)
- 13 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. (Mat 16:6)
- 14 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. (Mat 23:24)
- 15 Then came to *him* certain of the Sadducees, which deny that there is any resurrection; and they asked him, (Luk 20:27)

But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men *and* brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. (Act 23:6)
- 16 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. (1Jn 4:1)

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- 17** For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*. (2Co 11:4)
- 18** And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. (Mat 24:3-5)
- 19** Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: (Rev 3:17)
- 20** Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. (Rev 3:20)
- 21** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? (Luk 11:13)
- 22** For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: (Rom 11:30)
- So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. (Heb 3:19)
- For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. (Heb 4:3)
- 23** For the LORD had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. (Num 26:65)
- 24** And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. (Mar 1:15)
- 25** Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: (Col 1:12)

And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. (Heb 9:15)