

# MATTHEW

January 9, 2022

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## READ

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## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. How seriously should we take it when Jesus says, "Beware" (v. 15)?
2. What is the danger presented (v. 15)?
3. What is the way plied by the false prophet (c.f., vv. 13-14)? Where does he operate (v. 15)?
4. What does it mean to be *false*? (As opposed to what?)

Consider a bigger picture:

- 2 Peter 2:1
- 2 Corinthians 11:13
- Matthew 24:24

5. What characterizes the activity of this ravenous wolf (Acts 20:29-31)?
6. Summarize in your own words the rationale of Jesus' illustration (vv. 16-20).

What is “fruit” relative to a “prophet”? (What are you inspecting?)

7. How do the following help with inspecting a “prophet’s” fruit?

- Matthew 3:8
- Philippians 1:11
- Galatians 5:22-23
  
- Ephesians 5:9
  
- Hebrews 13:15
  
- Deuteronomy 13:1-4
- Deuteronomy 18:20-22
- Jeremiah 14:14

8. Apply Acts 17:11 to the topic of fruit inspection.

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will listen more carefully this week by . . .

I will watch more carefully this week by . . .

I will prepare more carefully this week by . . .