

“Trap setters/Know the Signs of the Times”
Matthew 16: 1-12

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Verse 1

**Pharisee and Sadducee Trap setters
Who are these guys?**

- These two parties served in the Great Sanhedrin, a kind of Jewish Supreme Court made up of 71 members whose responsibility was to interpret civil and religious laws
- It was made up more of Sadducees than Pharisees but the masses were more loyal to the Pharisees and thus made it hard on the Sadducees to do as they pleased.
- Sadducees wanted to get along with Rome

They wanted to catch Jesus in a trap
Jeremiah 5: 26

*“For among My people are found
wicked men; they lie in wait as
one who sets snares;
they set a trap; they catch men.”*

Verse 2 - 4

Trap setters do not know the signs
of the times

There are three miracles that Rabbis agreed only the Messiah could do:

- 1) Heal someone blind from birth**
- 2) Cast out a demon from a deaf mute**
- 3) Heal someone of leprosy**

MESSIAH DID ALL THREE!!

Jesus holds every generation responsible to know the signs of the times

We study prophecy to know the signs of the times

We study prophecy so we will know what to look for

We study prophecy so we will not be fearful

We study prophecy because Jesus taught us to be ready

Luke 19:43-44

“For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, ⁴⁴ and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”

Stay awake Church! Do not be caught sleeping!
1 Thessalonians 5: 4-6

Deceiving spirits are here – 1 Timothy 4: 1

***“ in latter times some will depart
from the faith, giving heed to
deceiving spirits ”***

**Do not allow deceiving spirits to keep you
blinded to what Jesus expects you to know!**

Verse 5 - 7

**Jesus warns His disciples about
the trap setters**

Pharisee teachings sets snares and trap men

Your protection:

Know the Word so well that no false teacher can fool you

Most Christians are fodder for the false; they simply do not know the play book (*Bible*)

Verse 8 - 12

The Trap of little faith

Jesus, loud and clear: ***“O you of little faith”***

What do disciples need?

Eyes to see and ears to hear

How does this happen?

Holy Spirit illumination

Revelation = new information from God – **DONE!**

Inspiration = write down the revelation given –
DONE!

Illumination = the Holy Spirit brings the truth of
of what is written to the believer
ONGOING!

After the resurrection, Jesus met His disciples on a mountain in Galilee – Matthew 28: 16-17

“When they saw Him, they worshipped Him; but some doubted”

There would be no doubting after Pentecost

There would be no *“O you of little faith”* after Pentecost

The Holy Spirit makes all the difference in the world, *then and now!!*

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and each completed their assignment, *just like us!!*

NO RESERVES >

NO RETREATS >

NO REGRETS

(William Borden)

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

TRAP SETTERS WILL GIVE YOU A FALSE JESUS

The false "Jesus" the world loves!

Here are some of his attributes:

- He will allow everyone into heaven
- He came to bring peace, not division
- He doesn't require Obedience
- He doesn't require Holiness
- He doesn't require Repentance
- He only preaches on Love
- He never says anything Offensive
- He never tells anyone they're wicked
- He calls everyone His children
- He will not send anyone to Hell
- He wants you to do your own will
- His commandments are suggestions

**If you are following this false Jesus,
Thought I'd let you know ...
his real name is ... satan!**

**CHRISTIAN
INSPIRATION**

What are the signs of the times? *(see handout)*

Trap setters tell us humanity will save the planet

Trap setters ignore God

Yuval Noah Harari is a trap setter and people are listening to him in droves

Globalist, World Economic Forum (WEF), thinking:


“The future is about developing more and more sophisticated technology, like artificial intelligence and bioengineering”

Harari:

“Most people don’t contribute anything to that, except perhaps for their data, and whatever people are still doing which is useful. These technologies increasingly will make people redundant and will make it possible to replace people”

What he is saying: We need to thin the human herd, eliminate masses of people

Harari, a WEF influencer, believes humans will evolve into a technological human-computer hybrid and become gods, become eternal

A scenic landscape featuring a paved road that curves into the distance. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The terrain is hilly and covered in green vegetation. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

Seventy thousand years ago, Homo sapiens was still an insignificant animal minding its own business in a corner of Africa. In the following millennia it transformed itself into the master of the entire planet and the terror of the ecosystem. Today it stands on the verge of becoming a god, poised to acquire not only eternal youth, but also the divine abilities of creation and destruction.

Yuval Noah Harari

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Christians: *Jesus expects us to know the signs!*

Globalism is full speed ahead!

Prep for antichrist and a one-world government is here *now!*

The new world order - open borders, climate change fear, fear to control the masses, crisis after crisis - all of it is the plan for antichrist to enter the stage as the great world saver!

KNOW THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES!!

Satan has one huge problem:

The Restrainer is still here = the Holy Spirit filled Church

Our job (*the Restrainer's job*) is:

- 1) STAND – speak truth to counter the lies**
- 2) Don't buy into the lies being pumped into the culture 24/7**
- 3) Have eyes to see and ears to hear what the Spirit is saying**

Hebrews 11:13-16



These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴ For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. ¹⁵ And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

BE READY!! IT'S GETTING INTERESTING!!

A reluctant Gideon stood during his time – *loyal to the God of Israel!*

Rahab hid the spies and stood during her time – *loyal to the God of Israel!*

May this be our time to STAND – *loyal to the God of Israel! Loyal to our Savior!*

Brothers and Sisters: Know the signs of the times and **STAND**

“ and having done all, to STAND”
Ephesians 6: 13

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