

2. Jesus calls the scribes and Pharisees hypocrites. What does that mean?
3. What does Jesus mean when he says, "You shut up the kingdom of heaven?"

Matthew 23:14-15

1. What does "devour widows houses" mean?
2. What is Jesus condemning in v. 15?

Matthew 23:16-22

1. What is Jesus talking about in these verses?

Matthew 23:23-24

1. What is Jesus saying about the Pharisees in these verses?

Matthew 23:25-26

1. Pharisees had a very specific set of rules for what is considered ceremonially clean and unclean. What does Jesus say about that in these passages?
2. What does Jesus tell the Pharisees to do?

Matthew 23:27-28

1. What does Jesus compare the Pharisees to?
2. What does Jesus say is inside the Pharisees?

Matthew 23:29-36

1. What is Jesus' point in these verses?
2. Which Zechariah is Jesus talking about?

Matthew 23:37-39

1. What is Jesus' attitude toward Jerusalem?
2. What does Jerusalem represent?
3. V. 38 Your house is left to you desolate.
4. V. 39 Possibly the prediction of an end-time conversion of the nation of Israel to the Messiah.

Matthew 23
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Types of Pharisees (Wm. Barclay)

1. **Shoulder Pharisee.** Followed the law in order to be seen. "Wore the law on his shoulder."
2. **Wait-a-little Pharisee.** Always made an excuse to put off obeying the law.
3. **Bruised and Bleeding Pharisee.** In order to avoid looking at a woman, he would walk with his eyes closed, thus bumping into walls, etc.
4. **Tumbling Pharisee.** So humble, he would walk hunched over and shuffle rather than picking up his feet. Thus, he tripped a lot.
5. **Ever-Reckoning Pharisee.** Constantly kept track of his good deeds. Kept an account with God, figuring how much God owed him.
6. **Timid Pharisee.** Constantly worried about divine judgment. Thus he worked to make sure he appeared to be righteous (cleaning the outside of the cup).
7. **God-fearing Pharisee.** Truly loved God and wanted his life to honor Him. Thus he sought to obey all of the law and live a life pleasing to God.

Matthew 23:1-4

1. Is Jesus saying we should obey all of the trivial rules of the Pharisees?
2. The law was not intended to be a burden. It was intended to be a help.
3. Seat of Moses.

Matthew 23:5-12

1. The Pharisees had developed a religion of "show."

Exodus 13:9

The boxes contain: Exodus 13:1-16; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Deuteronomy 11:13-21

2. What was Jesus condemning about the phylacteries?
3. Tassels were worn on the outer clothing to remind the wearer of God's commandments. Why would Jesus condemn the tassels?
4. What other actions did Jesus condemn in this passage?

Matthew 23:13

1. What does the word "Woe" mean?