

The Gospel of Matthew

Beware of false prophets (v. 15-20)

Danger of false prophets (v. 15a)

- **Around in the Old Testament**
- **Around in the early church**
- **Around in the end of time**

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Deception of false prophets (v. 15b)

- Heretics
- Apostates
- Deceivers (2 Corinthians 11:13-15)



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Deeds of false prophets (v. 16-18)

- A promise of detection (v. 16)
- How to detect a false prophet
 - 1) By their fruit (v. 16-18)
 - 2) By their doctrine
 - They don't preach Christ as the narrow gate instead they preach either:
 - A broad salvation (2 Peter 2:17-22)
 - Another narrow gate (1 Timothy 1:3-7, 4:1-3, 6:3-5)
 - They don't preach hard truths
 - 3) By their converts (v. 21-23)

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Detection of false prophets (v. 19-20)

- **Inspect the fruit of the shepherd**
- **Inspect everything the shepherd says (1 John 4:1-6)**
- **Inspect the shepherds teaching (Acts 17:11)**

