

Understanding the Signs of the Times (Matt. 16:1-4) 10/25/2015

Context

Jesus is returning to _____ proper, ministering once again to the _____ of the house of Israel.

Chapter 16 is the _____ of the chapters in which Jesus withdraws from the crowds to teach His disciples _____.

Notable things in chapter 16:

Jesus Returns to Opposition

The Two Major Jewish Religious Sects in Jesus' Time	
Pharisees	Sadducees

The Pharisees and Sadducees were natural _____.

In chapter 16, for the first time, you see the Pharisees and Sadducees joining forces in _____ to Jesus.

Testing =

Cross references on good testing:

Cross references on bad testing:

The Pharisees & Sadducees did not come to Jesus in hope of finding _____ for themselves, but in hope of finding _____ in Him.

Sign =

The problem was *not* that they didn't have any _____; the problem was that they didn't _____ the truth they'd been given.

Weather Forecasting

How to discern =

It was the beginning of the _____ age that Jews had long hoped for, but those Jewish leaders did not _____ it.

The **sign of Jonah** refers to Jesus' _____ over sin, death, and Satan through His _____.

Left them =

What About Today?

Even with _____ of God plainly before them, unregenerate men and women _____ to see Him.

The person who is _____ in his spiritual blindness has no use for spiritual light, because it _____ into his darkness and exposes his sin.

_____ will always find a way to reject the truth, even to the point of denying the _____.