

**Introduction**

Matthew 23 records Jesus' last public \_\_\_\_\_, the subject of which Jesus' was condemnation of \_\_\_\_\_.

***Ways counterfeit religious leaders are referred to in the New Testament:***

- Jesus: "false Christs and false prophets who will \_\_\_\_\_ and will show great signs and wonders, so as to \_\_\_\_\_, if possible, even the \_\_\_\_\_" (Matt. 24:24)
- Paul: preachers of a perverted \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal. 1:8), purveyors of the doctrines of demons (1 Tim. 4:1), and "savage \_\_\_\_\_" whose purpose is to \_\_\_\_\_ and destroy God's people (Acts 20:29)
- Peter: "those who \_\_\_\_\_ introduce destructive heresies, even \_\_\_\_\_ the Master who bought them" (2 Pet. 2:1)
- John: antichrists who \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is the Christ (1 Jn. 2:18, 22)
- Jude: dreamers who "defile the flesh, and reject \_\_\_\_\_, and revile angelic majesties" (Jude 8)

**Usurped Authority**

Chair =

Notes on [Moses' chair](#):

Have seated themselves =



*A Moses chair from the time of Christ found in the ruins of the synagogue at Chorazin in Galilee*

The scribes and Pharisees were \_\_\_\_\_ when the people discerned that Jesus taught them with \_\_\_\_\_ that they did not have.

Sinful people \_\_\_\_\_ God's truth because it is a rebuke to them, and they \_\_\_\_\_ to false religions and philosophies because those systems in one way or another \_\_\_\_\_ and encourage their wicked desires.

**False Teachers Lack Moral Authority**

Do =

Observe =

Jesus was not speaking about all of the lies and \_\_\_\_\_ they taught, but only of their instructions that \_\_\_\_\_ to Scripture. Notice the Lord's consistency when it comes to obeying \_\_\_\_\_.

God does not leave it up to the \_\_\_\_\_ to decide which authorities we get to \_\_\_\_\_ and which we don't.

God says that it's more important for us to learn the lesson of \_\_\_\_\_ and to trust that He is in charge of who is in the seat of \_\_\_\_\_ than it is for us to assert our right to have a \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Being unredeemed, they lived only in the flesh and by the flesh's power, and the flesh is not capable of fulfilling God's law." – John MacArthur*

In the unregenerate heart, \_\_\_\_\_ cannot be restrained and \_\_\_\_\_ cannot be produced.

**False Teachers Do Not Love Others**

Tie up =

Heavy burdens =

Lay them =

Move =

Examples:

The religious leaders made rules and observances for \_\_\_\_\_ to follow, but they had no intent of keeping them \_\_\_\_\_.