

## Matthew 28 – Wolves in Sheep's Clothing

### Matthew 7:15-29

***Fallen Condition Focus (FCF):*** We need to be on guard against wolves who sneak into the flock of Christ and build only on the foundation of Jesus and His word.

**Matthew 7:15** Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

- Claim to be feeding the flock (prophets)
- They are there to feed on the flock, to destroy the sheep (wolves)

### Main Point 1: False Prophets have the appearance of godliness

- Appear in sheep's clothing
- Devout talk
- Religious actions

### Main Point 2: False Prophets are known by their fruit

- They do produce fruit, but it is bad
- Not just mistakes or imperfections
- Jesus defines good and bad fruit based on faithfulness to God's Word

### Main Point 3: False Prophets have no foundation

- **Matthew 7:24** Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.
- **Matthew 7:26** everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.
- Both experience the same weather
  - First house **Matthew 7:25** did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.
  - Second house **Matthew 7:27** fell, and great was the fall of it.
- What is our foundation to be?
  - **Matthew 7:24** "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.
  - Literally: "Everyone who hears me, these words, and does them"
  - There is no separation between Jesus' words and himself
- (24 and 25) Not "a" rock, but "the" rock
  - **Matthew 16:18** On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
  - Christ himself is the rock
  - His words spoken by His authority are the foundation of the church