

Questions for Matthew 23:1-15

1. How did the scribes and Pharisees sit in the seat of Moses? (Verses 1-2)

2. Why did Jesus instruct those listening to observe what the scribes and Pharisees taught, despite their bad behavior? (Verses 3-4)

3. Why did they enlarge the borders of their garments? What was wrong with enlarging the borders of the garments, wanting the best places at feasts, and being recognized in the streets? (Verses 5-7)

4. Is Jesus teaching that we should not accept any titles for ourselves, that only these particular titles should not be accepted, or something else? (Verses 8-12)

5. What is a hypocrite? How was their actions of prohibiting people from entering the kingdom of heaven, devouring widow's houses, making long prayers, and converting proselytes a sign of hypocrisy? (Verses 13-15)

6. How were the scribes and Pharisees going to receive a "greater condemnation"? Are there different levels of condemnation? (Verse 14)