



Encountering The Real Jesus

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(Matt 16:1) And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test him they asked him to show them a sign from heaven.

(Matt 16:2) He answered them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.’

(Matt 16:3) And in the morning, ‘It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.

(Matt 16:4) An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.” So he left them and departed.

(Matt 16:5) When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread.

(Matt 16:6) Jesus said to them, “Watch and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

(Matt 16:7) And they began discussing it among themselves, saying, “We brought no bread.”

(Matt 16:8) But Jesus, aware of this, said, “O you of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you have no bread?”

(Matt 16:9) Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered?

(Matt 16:10) Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered?

(Matt 16:11) How is it that you fail to understand that I did not speak about bread? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

(Matt 16:12) Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

(Matt 16:13) Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

(Matt 16:14) And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

(Matt 16:15) He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

(Matt 16:16) Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

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(Matt 16:18) And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

(Matt 16:19) I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

(Matt 16:20) Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

(Matt 16:21) From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

(Matt 16:22) And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.”

(Matt 16:23) But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

(Matt 16:24) Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

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(Matt 16:26) For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

(Matt 16:27) For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.

(Matt 16:28) Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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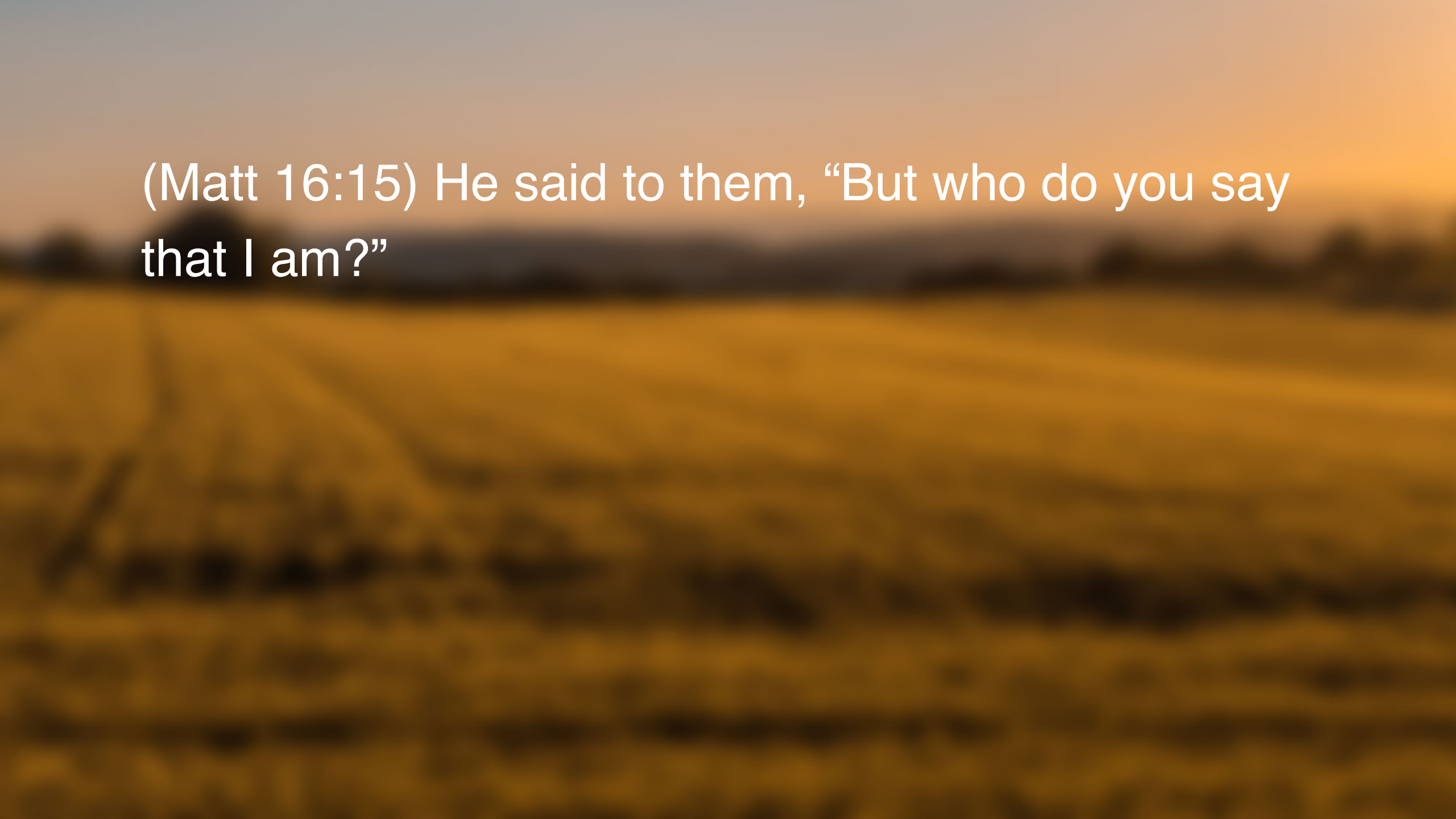
(2 Tim 4:3) For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,

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