

A Study of the Gospel according to Matthew
Session 23 – False Religionists
(Read Matt 23:1 – 39)

1. Why is Jesus Christ a threat to the Jewish leadership?

2. What is your definition of a false religion?

3. What is a phylactery? How was it used by the Religionists?

4. Jesus made several accusations against the False Religionists. Identify at least three of them in reading verses 13 through 36 and what they mean.

5. What does this saying mean? “They strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.”

6. In verses 25 – 26, Christ used an illustration to show just how blind a religionist can be. What are the main points of this illustration?

7. Read the following verses and identify some examples of Israel’s rejection and abuse and killing of God’s messengers. 2 Chronicles 16:7 – 10; 2 Chronicles 24:20 – 21; 1 Kings 22:7 – 27; Jeremiah 38:6; Amos 7:11 – 13; and Acts 7:57 – 60.