



## Lesson 003 – What's in the Box?

- **Day 1: You tricked me!**
    - When we finally opened the box at ManTime, were you surprised to see what was inside?
    - How did you feel when you realized everyone was lying?
    - Our brains can trick us into believing lies. Especially if they're told to us by someone we trust.
    - Christians sometimes fall for lies and conspiracy theories that seem to match what we read in the Bible. They're not true, but they seem like they could be true.
    - Before you read today's scripture, think about that friend who's always spreading lies, half-truths, falsehoods, and conspiracy theories that are not true.
    - Now read 2 Peter 2:10-22
  - **Action:** Next time you're on social media, unfriend that guy who spreads lies and falsehoods.
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- **Day 2: Beware of false prophets**
    - Read Matthew 7:15-23
    - What animal does Jesus compare false prophets to?
    - What do these animals do to sheep?
    - So, what does false teaching do to a church?
    - Starting in verse 22: it would seem like these guys, having done so much in God's name, would easily enter heaven. Do they?
  - **Action:** Pray, "God, keep me from falling for false teaching. Or from spreading it to others."

- Day 3: Putting God in a Box

- Read John 7:40-52
- The Pharisees knew the Bible backward and forward.
- They had absolute confidence in their interpretation of scripture
- When God did something they did not expect, they labeled it “deception.”

- Action: Pray this prayer:

- *God, make me confident in the truth, but humble enough to give you room to work. May I never put you into a box of my own understanding.*
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- Day 4: Let's make our own God!

- Read Exodus 32 (the whole chapter)
- After the Lord had done so much for the Israelites, why did they so quickly decide to create their own God?
- How did Moses punish the people for their sin? (Ouch!)
- How did God punish the people for their sin? (Yikes!)

- Action: Pray this prayer:

- *God, keep me from worshipping anything but you, especially when I feel anxious or impatient. May I walk in truth the rest of my days.*
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- Day 5: A tree shall be known by its fruit

- Read Luke 6:42-45
- Jesus said, “A tree is known by its fruit.” What's the fruit of Christianity?
- Multiple studies have shown that people who consistently attend church and follow the teachings of the Bible are among the happiest and healthiest people on earth.
- Those nations in which Christianity was/is the freely chosen faith of men are the most desirable nations to live in. Everyone wants to migrate there.

- Action: Bring a piece of fruit to the dinner table and share this devotion with your family. Start by asking, “What kind of a tree did this apple come from?”