



THE  
GOSPEL  
APRIL 24 - MAY 8

# Really?

## Part 2

### Read It Up

Matthew 7:15–20

John 3:3; 10:28–29; 16:8; 19:30

Romans 7:15-21, 24, 25

Galatians 5:22

Revelation 3:20

### Start It Up

Have you even been attracted to a person or a church that seemed genuine on the outside but turned out to be a poser? What happened?

### Talk It Up

1. What contrast does Jesus draw in Matthew 7:15? How does it relate to your life today?
2. According to Jesus (Mt. 7:16–20), how can you tell who's really His follower and who's faking?
3. Christianity and other religions regard a fruitful life differently. In your own words, what is this difference?
4. Did you ever think that Christians don't sin? How did you reconcile that belief with your everyday life? With Paul's confession in Romans 7?

5. Jesus' last words from the cross, "It is finished," were an accounting term that meant "paid in full." How does it make you feel to hear that if you surrender to Him, He will pay your sin bill in full?
6. What are four kinds of fruit that will be increasingly present in your life if you're really following Jesus? Recall as many as you can, then check John 3:3 and 16:8; Galatians 5:22; and Hebrews 13:15 to identify the others.

### Think It Up

"Are you a Christian? How do you know?" Does your answer reduce to external things, or do you see real evidence of Jesus living His life in you?

### Pray It Up

*The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.... He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.... As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.... But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him....—Psalm 103:8–17 Thank God that He's a good dad! If you really belong to Him, He will never let you go.*

### Step It Up

We're not saved by our fruit, we're saved by Jesus. But Jesus Himself said it's important for us to put into practice what He taught (Mt. 7:24–27). What do you need to do this week to apply what you know?