

Chapter 23 (1 - 36)

Jesus told the people to respect their religious leaders, but he condemned the religious leaders

- for not practising what they preached
- for doing things just to attract attention
- for craving front seats and places of honor
- for being concerned only with externals.

Jesus called the religious leaders "hypocrites", "blind guides", "tombs that look good on the outside, but are full of dead bones"

Jesus, help religious leaders be good people

Chapter 24 (9 - 44)

Jesus spoke to his disciples about the future:
"On account of my name you will be hated, tortured and killed. But the Good News of the kingdom will spread to every nation before the end of the world.

At the end of the world, the sun and moon will stop shining. Stars will fall from the sky. Then my sign will appear in the sky, and all peoples will see me coming on the clouds with power and glory

I will send my angels with a loud trumpet to gather good people from all parts of the earth. Therefore you should live a good life, and you will have nothing to fear on your last day"

Jesus, please help me be a good person