

Questions for the Sincere Investigator of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

1. **What would you say was the most important factor that led to your investigation of the LDS Church?**
2. **Before your first meeting with the LDS missionaries, how would you have rated the extent of your knowledge of the Bible?**
3. **As you began studying with the Mormon missionaries did you keep the Biblical warnings in mind?**
4. **Are the LDS teachings about Jesus different from what you learned as a child?**
5. **Is the LDS Gospel message different than what you heard as a child?**
6. **Who taught this Gospel before 1830? Is the LDS Church today teaching the same Gospel Joseph Smith taught initially?**
7. **What does the Bible say about a different Gospel and "another Jesus"?**

GAL 1:6-8: I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another Gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

2 COR 11:4, 5: For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

8. **What will those who bring these teachings look like?**

2 COR 11:13-15: For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds.

MATT 7:15: Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

- Would you recognize a well-disguised wolf?
- Do you think an "angel of light" would appear innocent and pure?
- What do you think "false apostles" would look like? Might they seem righteous while engaged in doing good works?

9. **What tactic will these false prophets and teachers use to lead people astray?**

MATT 24:11: And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

10. What will that deception sound like?

COL 2:4: And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

ROM 16:18: For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

11. In addition to sounding convincing and appealing, what does the Bible teach they will say in order to deceive you?

MATT 24:23-27: Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore, if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightening cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

LUKE 21:8: And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

12. What does the Bible tell us to do to avoid being deceived by these false teachers?

MATT 7:15: Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves.

MARK 13:5: And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you:

MARK 13:23: But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.

ACTS 20:31: Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

ROM 16:17: Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

2 PET 3:17: Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

Also see: Matt. 24:4; Luke 12:1; 21:8; Phil. 2:8; 2 John 1:8

13. Why does the Bible contain so many clear-cut warnings?

14. Upon whom does the responsibility for discernment rest?

15. If one is trying to deceive you would he be more likely to:

- Encourage you to take the time to study independently and find out what God has said about the message he brings or
- Tell you that you must accept his message by faith and ignore discordant facts, insisting that you will understand after you have joined the Church and been enlightened by the Spirit?

16. **Which option would lower your risk of being deceived?**

17. **What does the Bible say about the second option?**

PROV 20:25: It is a snare for a man to say rashly, "It is holy!" And after the vows to make inquiry.

PROV 14:12: There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death.

**Do not be deceived;
allow your mind to examine every claim**