

Who Angered Jesus

Matthew 15, Matthew 23

Jesus consistently criticizes just one group:

Leaders who teach _____ based religion

1. It invents _____

“Their teachings are but rules taught by men.” Matthew 15:9

2. It produces _____ commitment to the wrong things

“...you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness...” Matthew 23:23

3. It focuses on the _____, not the _____

“Matthew 23:25–26 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men’s bones and everything unclean.” Matthew 23:27

Jesus’ offer to everyone trapped in a performance-based religion:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28–30

The Bottom Line:

Once you know he loves you,
enjoy God’s saddle and bridle of _____