

**JESUS ON PHARISEEISM**  
(King Jesus: The Gospel of Matthew- Part 61)  
May 16, 2021

**The Passage:** Matthew 23:1-39

**Jesus' Assessment of the Pharisees:**

They don't practice what they \_\_\_\_\_ - vs. 1-4

They want praise from \_\_\_\_\_, managing their \_\_\_\_\_ – vs. 5-11, 27-28

They \_\_\_\_\_ others away instead of \_\_\_\_\_ them in- vs. 13,15

They lack \_\_\_\_\_ - vs. 16-22

They major on the \_\_\_\_\_ - vs. 23-26

They think \_\_\_\_\_ of themselves- vs. 29-36

They are not \_\_\_\_\_ to come to Jesus- vs. 37-39

**So What?**

*Fill-ins: preach; people; image; drive; drawing; integrity; minors; highly; willing*

**Life Group Questions for the Week of May 16, 2021**

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. Do any of the practices Jesus mentions touch close-to-home in your life?
3. According to Jesus in Matthew 23, how would you describe the Pharisees' main fault?
4. How can we avoid making it hard for others to either find Jesus and/or grow spiritually and, instead, help them do just that?
5. What are some things we are tempted to do or say in trying to impress others?
6. Why can we be more concerned with the notice/approval of people than we are with the approval of God?
7. As we saw Sunday, thinking highly of self is a problem for Pharisees. What do we learn about pride and humility from the following passages? Proverbs 11:2; Romans 12:3
8. It's vital that we major on the most important things instead of less weighty matters in our walk with Jesus. What are some of the most important things we should focus on as followers of Christ?
9. What do we learn about God, Jesus, man and consequences of rejecting Jesus from this passage?