

WHO IS THIS MAN?

## **BEWARE AND BE AWARE**

Mark 8:11-21      Jeff Schreve

*And He was giving orders to them, saying, "Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." Mark 8:15*

**Beware -- be cautious and alert to the dangers.**

**Be aware -- have knowledge/perception of a situation or fact.**

**What are we to be aware of and beware of?**

### **1. Beware of seeking after a sign.**

*And the Pharisees came out and began to argue with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, to test Him. And sighing deeply in His spirit, He said, "Why does this generation seek for a sign? Truly I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation." Mark 8:11-12*

*"An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign shall be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Matthew 12:39-40*

A. Sign-seekers always want more signs.

B. Sign-seekers never come to saving faith.

*"Even if a miracle should be wrought in the open marketplace before a thousand sober witnesses, I would rather mistrust my senses than admit a miracle." Voltaire*

### **2. Beware of the teaching of heresy.**

*"Watch out and beware the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Matthew 15:6*

A. The leaven of the Pharisees is legalism.

B. The leaven of the Sadducees is liberalism.

C. The leaven of Herod is secularism.

### **3. Be aware of the teaching of the Lord.**

*And they began to discuss with one another the fact that they had no bread. And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you discuss the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet see or understand? Do you have a hardened heart? "HAVING EYES, DO YOU NOT SEE? AND HAVING EARS, DO YOU NOT HEAR? Mark 8:16-18*

A. Our spiritual understanding is often poor.

B. It takes practice to train your spiritual senses.

*But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil. Hebrews 5:14*

**Are you aware and on the alert?**