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MATTHEW 16:1-20

The dangers of religion (1-12)

- Religious people can _____
_____ Matthew 9:34; 12:24; 16:1-4; 21:38, 45; Luke 5:37-39
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Matthew 9:11; 12:2, 10-14; 22:37-40; Luke 14:1; John 5:16; 8:3-7; 9:16
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_____ Matthew 15:1-9
- Religious people can _____
_____ Matthew 23:3-4
- Religious people can _____
_____ Matthew 23:23-24
- Religious people can _____
_____ Matthew 23:5-7, 25-28

The blessedness of knowing Jesus (13-20)

- He gives us _____ (18).
- He gives us _____ (18).
- He gives us _____ (19).

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. When you hear the word "religion", what do you think of? Is it a positive or negative word to you? Why?
2. Read Matthew 16:1-12. What connection do you see between verses 1-4 and verses 6 and 12? (See also Luke 12:1.) What might make you stubbornly unteachable?
3. Of the dangers of religion listed on your note sheet, which one are you most vulnerable to? Why? How can you guard against this tendency?
4. Read Matthew 16:13-20. When and how did God reveal to you that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God"? How did that awakening change your perspective on religion?
5. What are some of the most blessed aspects of knowing Jesus for you?