

**“In a World of Deception, BE THE TRUTH”**

Matthew 24:4-5,11

Introduction – Matthew 24:4

- I. The **Status** of Deception in the World of the End – Matthew 24:23-24, Matthew 24:11, Matthew 24:44, Matthew 25:13, Mark 13:32
- II. The **Source** of Deception in the World of the End – Revelation 12:9, John 8:44, 2 Corinthians 11:13-14

III. The **Strategy** of Deception in the World of the End

- A. Satan **Disputes** God’s Word – Genesis 3:1
- B. Satan **Denies** God’s Word – Genesis 3:4, Genesis 2:17
- C. Satan **Displaces** God’s Word – Genesis 3:5
- D. Satan **Discounts** God’s Goodness – Genesis 2:16-17, Genesis 3:2
- E. Satan **Dramatizes** God’s Restrictions – Genesis 3:2-3
- F. Satan **Diminishes** God’s Penalty – Genesis 2:17, 1 Peter 5:8

IV. The **Solution** to Deception in the World of the End – John 14:6

- A. **Tell** the Truth – Proverbs 12:22, Colossians 3:9-10
- B. **Test** the Truth – Acts 17:10-11, 1 John 4:1
- C. **Teach** the Truth – Colossians 3:16

**Conclusion**



2. Read 2 Corinthians 2:11. What are some schemes Satan uses to try and deceive us? How does knowing Satan's strategies and schemes help us when we face deceptions or temptations? **Satan's strategies have been the same since he first implemented them in the Garden of Eden. His goal is to dispute, deny, and diminish God's Word. But, if we know how our enemy operates, we do not need to fear as we can stand against his schemes and deceptions.**
3. Read 1 Peter 5:8. Satan is the source of deception and uses multiple strategies to try and deceive us. What is his end goal? **Satan doesn't want to help anyone. He wants to destroy the world and enslave those who inhabit it.**
4. Read John 14:6. What is the solution to our world being driven deeper into deception? What is the antidote to Satan's strategy? **Jesus is truth. You can take Him at His word and trust what He says. Putting our faith and trust in Jesus will free us from the deceptions of Satan and move us to the authenticity of Jesus and truth.**

## Applying the Message

1. Colossians 3:16 tells us that believers are to “teach and admonish” one another. What are some practical ways we can do this?

2. As Christians, we find our identity in Christ. Because of this, how can we live our lives in a way that will help raise the value of truth in the world? **One way for us to stand against deception is to tell the truth at every opportunity. We need to live our lives to the standard set for us through the life of Jesus and not conform to the world.**