

## Solus Christus

*Jesus condemns the leavened, "sign-seeking" doctrine of the religious leaders*

Matthew 16:1-12

- I. Reformation clarity on the Roman Catholic teaching of "*Christ plus saints*"
- II. Jesus changes the attention on "*Christ plus miracles*" to **Christ alone** (16:1-4)
  - The Pharisees and Sadducees' malicious question to tempt Jesus (1)
  - They missed the clear signs of the kingdom already given by Christ (2-3)
  - Jesus condemns sign-seeking (4)
    - Evil* (vicious) and *adulterous* (covenant-breaking)
    - The "sign of Jonah" (the Gospel)
- III. Jesus changes the source of authority of teaching from the religious leaders to Himself (16:5-12)
  - Jesus condemns the "*leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees*" (5-6)
  - The confusion over what was meant by "leaven" (7)
  - Jesus expects spiritual-mindedness from his disciples (8-11)
  - The disciples' "aha moment" (12)
- IV. Leaven in the church today
  - Sadducee-like leaven of the "religious left" (Liberalism, social justice, emerging church)
  - Pharisee-like leaven of the "religious right" (holiness movements, legalism, politics)
- IV. Epilogue and Coming Attractions
  - Peter confesses *solus Christus* (16:13-16)
  - Jesus teaches *solus Christus* is greater than the whole world (16:24-26)
  - It will still be *solus Christus* on Judgment Day (16:27-28)
  - God demonstrates *solus Christus* at the Mount of Transfiguration (17:1-8)
- V. Conclusion: The 5 solae in a pluralistic society that hates the very idea of "solus"