



## Sermon Discussion Questions

The Real Jesus: Discerning the Truth from Lies (1 John 2:18–27)

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### Sermon Overview

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#### Main Idea

Like the early Christians to whom John was writing, we are constantly confronted by false doctrine related to the true identity of Christ. John wrote to these early Christians to give them confidence in their understanding of the true Jesus and to help them know how to discern lies from truth.

#### Sermon Outline

1. The Danger of Antichrists (2:18–23)
2. The Provision of Anointing (2:20–21, 27)
3. The Necessity of Abiding (2:24–27)

### Quotation

“If people believe in the wrong Jesus, they will not be saved in the end.” Drew Hunter

### Discussion Questions

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#### Initial Engagement

- What is the main idea of the text, or what did the sermon focus on?

#### Deeper Reflection

1. An antichrist is one who teaches a false doctrine of Christ. For example, someone may believe Jesus was a good, moral teacher but not the Son of God. What false doctrines related to Jesus are you aware of today? Discuss the ‘big deal’ of believing in a false doctrine of Christ.
2. The best defense against falling for a false doctrine is to make sure you know truth. We can all grow in a deeper understanding of the true doctrine of Christ. What are the central truths about Jesus and the gospel? What biblical references support your claims?
3. Read 1 John 2:20-21, 27. What does it mean to be anointed by the Holy Spirit? What role does the Holy Spirit have in helping us discern false doctrine?
4. Many false doctrines of Christ are only subtly different from truth, and many people have been deceived. Give an example of someone you know believing in a subtle, false doctrine. What is our role to help others be drawn to truth?

#### Final Response

- What is one thing you want to remember or one way you hope to change in light of this sermon or discussion?