

# “How Come God . . . ?”

## HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

## SERMON NOTES

Matthew 16:13-20.

### I. ...There Are So Many Different Churches?”

#### A. Jesus Responds to Man’s Various Approaches to God...

1. Those who focus on their traditions instead of God’s Word.
  - a. (Matt. 15:1-6), “Some Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem, saying, ‘Why do....’”
  
2. Those whose teachings originate with themselves.
  - a. To this same group of religious men, Jesus says to them, (vs. 7-9), “You hypocrites, rightly did....”
  
  - b. Today, how many religious groups are divided from each other because their worship, governance....

John 12:48

2 Timothy 3:16-17

2 Peter 1:3

1 Corinthians 4:6

Revelation 22:18-19

3. Those whose authority originates with themselves.

Matthew 21:23-25

- a. (Matt. 21:23), “When Jesus had come into the temple, the chief priests & elders of the people....”

b. (vs. 24-25a), “Jesus answered and said to them, ‘I will ask you one thing to, which if you tell Me...’

c. (vs. 25b-27), “And they began reasoning among themselves, saying, ‘If we say ‘from heaven....’

Luke 7:30

Galatians 1:10

4. Those who preach God’s word but practice something else.

a. (Matt. 23:1-4), “Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, ‘saying, ‘The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses....’”

Luke 4:16, 20

Matthew 11:28-30

James 4:17

5. Those who believe things should be done their way

a. Strongest rebuke Jesus ever gave was to one of His own disciples who focused on a key element!

Matthew 16:17-23

## CONCLUSIONS:

Matthew 16:24

Matthew 28:18-20