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DON'T BE DECEIVED

In Matthew 24 Jesus tells us not to be deceived. In verse 4b he said, ***"...take heed that no man deceive you."*** In verse 5 he said, ***"For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."*** Verse 11 it says, ***"And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many."*** Then in verse 24 he said, ***"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."***

If Jesus warns us four times in one chapter of scripture about being deceived, we must take this seriously. How can we keep from being deceived? That answer is also in scripture. We read in 2 Timothy 2:15, ***"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*** [God's word is truth.]

The key to not being deceived, which is counterfeit truth, is to know the genuine truth. Jesus said in John 14:6, ***"...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."*** When we learn about Jesus, we are learning about truth. The ONLY place to learn about Jesus is to study his word. John 17:17 says, ***"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."***

We learn truth from the Word of God. Without the word hidden in our heart, we could easily be deceived. The more we study and learn the word, the less chances there are for deception. The Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth. [John 16:13] God will never contradict his word [which is truth] so if what you hear does not line up with what you have learned in the scriptures then scrap it. Do not allow anyone to deceive you!