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- They could not discern the “signs of the times.” ***vs 2-3***
 - *They ignored the preaching of John.*
 - ***Cf. Matt 11:11-19***
 - *They ignored the preaching of Jesus.*

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 - *They rejected the miracles of Jesus.*
 - ***Cf. Matt 11:2-6, 20-24***
 - *They rejected the miracles of apostles.*

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 - *They rejected Jesus’ power over demons.*
 - ***Cf. Matt 12:25-32***
 - *They would deny Jesus’ resurrection.*
 - ***Cf. Acts 7:48-54***

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 - The “sign of the prophet Jonah.” **vs 4**
 - *We saw this in Matthew 12:38-42.*
 - *Sign one: The resurrection of Jesus Christ.*
 - *Sign two: The preaching of repentance.*
 - *Many of the religious leaders would ultimately reject the “sign of Jonah,” the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

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- Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees.
Matt 16:5-12
 - Jesus warned the apostles of the “leaven of the Pharisees.” ***vs 5-6***
 - *Their doctrine was of a corrupting nature.*
 - *They were “blind, leaders of the blind.”*
 - ***Matt 15:12-14***
 - *Consider their utter hypocrisy.*
 - ***Matt 23:1-4, 13, 15, 25-28, 29-39***

Conclusion

- Two warnings:
 - Do not ignore the “signs of the time.”
 - *We can learn from these “signs,” seeing the true will of God.*
 - *Let us not ignore what is written in God’s word.*
 - Avoid the leaven of false teachers, such as the Pharisees and Sadducees of old.
 - *Cf. 1 Cor 5:6-8; Gal 5:7-10*