# Who Ya Gonna Call? Fruitbusters?

Deep trust in Jesus' finished work is revealed in secret—when you no longer live to be seen or approved of by humankind.

Yet, a popular, anxiety-inducing church narrative constantly encourages us to look at others and harshly judge the very things we cannot see.

This culture of mutual inspection is built on a radical misapplication of Matthew 7:16:

***"We will know them by their fruits."***

This toxic mentality keeps believers trapped on a grueling performance treadmill, constantly worrying about whether their external "oranges" are bright and visible enough to be approved. But approved of by whom?

**Who ya gonna call? Fruitbusters?**

It is a horrific, false narrative that breeds exhausting anxiety in too many of us today.

But Jesus is ready to flip all of our religious tables.

When read in full context, Matthew 7 has absolutely nothing to do with giving us a righteous directive to audit each other's spiritual status.

Jesus is warning us to identify false teachers by their legalistic works and self-reliant mindsets.

Furthermore, religion falsely knots this warning into a completely different fruit found in Galatians 5. In the original Greek, these two fruits stem from entirely different words and reveal opposing spirits:

Matthew 7 "fruits" are the external, work-based performances that expose false teachers.

Galatians 5 "fruit" is the internal character of the Holy Spirit, not an achievement of human, orange droppings.

If you have become a professional fruit-inspector, you have likely been hoodwinked by the very false teachers Jesus warns us about here.



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You have been conditioned to view God...as a legalistic accountant sitting in heaven with a notepad, taking meticulous notes on every single orange you drop.

This performance-based system creates a modern "Nightmare on Elm Street" for today's temple leaders and pew achievers.

Like the religious elite at the end of Matthew 7 who boasted about all the works they had performed in Jesus' name, many today believe their hustle genuinely impresses God.

But Jesus' response is terrifying:

***"I never knew you."***

They were fiercely faithful to a religious system, but completely unknown to the King.

Jesus does not hand out favor, rank, or gold stars next to our names based on human effort.

The Serpent's gospel implies that God will only be as faithful to you as you are to Him.

Make no mistake:

this mindset is not God's kingdom active here on earth. It is hell still active here on earth recruiting fruitbusters.

We hear this false teaching the moment someone is recruiting us to work for approval, do this to earn God's favor, or finish what Jesus has already declared is finished.

This next ultimate truth is highly offensive to the religious ego:

**It was our faithfulness that sent Jesus to the cross.** Read that again.

If we think we can be better today than we were yesterday, we still do not have a clue why Jesus needed to die for us.

The self-righteousness within us gets giddy when we drop two more "oranges" than we did the day before.

But God views our dependency on our own faithfulness as filthy rags.

Actual salvation is when we choose to trust in Jesus' faithfulness and let Him bury our own



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at the bottom of the sea.

He values the unfaithful, adulteress woman hanging on His every word just as much as the proud-as-a-peacock pew-achiever who seems hell-bent to use their own dirty faithfulness as a weapon to judge her.

Beautiful, life-giving spirits never judge someone else's harvest—especially when trapped in a "fruity" mindset that treats their own produce as the gold standard.

That is what a religious drain pipe does—it horrifically defines and ranks others using this twisted, religious clog.

The takeaway here is not to evaluate the faithfulness we see in each other's fruits (works), but rather to reverse course if a false teacher is hoodwinking us into hell by our own.

Trusting Jesus is to trust in this grace-drenched, definitive truth:

**It will never be about our faithfulness to Him. It is entirely about His faithfulness to us.**

Resting in the gift of His resurrected life and full identity.
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