

## LIVING LIFE IN A FISHBOWL

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Matthew 23:23-28

If we went to a nice restaurant where the dining room was beautiful, they played good music, provided good service and special lighting but behind the scenes in the kitchen it was unclean, even unsanitary, we would not eat there. If we saw that enough, we might avoid restaurants altogether.

### I. JESUS IS \_\_\_\_\_

- A. “\_\_\_\_\_”; Scribes - those who “knew the Word”
- B. “\_\_\_\_\_” - religious leaders
- C. “\_\_\_\_\_” - “actors”

### II. JESUS IS \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Seven \_\_\_\_\_ of Matthew 23
  1. You shut up the Kingdom of Heaven (13)
  2. You travel a great distance to make one convert but then make him just like you (15)
  3. You place emphasis upon the “Gold of the temple” (16)
  4. You tithe but neglect the truth (23)
  5. You clean the outside of the cup but leave the inside dirty (25)
  6. You're like white-washed tombs, full of dead men's bones (27)
  7. You worship dead prophets instead of God (29)
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ - “You tithe, but it's for show” (23)
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ - Strain at a gnat and swallow a camel (24)
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ - Self indulgence (25)

### III. JESUS IS \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Clean the \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Focus on what \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Only \_\_\_\_\_ makes a lasting change

If unbelievers see our walk \_\_\_\_\_ with our talk, they will not care what we have to say nor want what we have.