

# Walking in the Light: Rejecting Antichrists



## Teacher's Guide

### Surveying the Source

John 15:4–10; Acts 2:15–17; Rom. 6:2, 11; 2 Cor. 3:18; 2 Thess. 2:3, 4; Heb. 1:1, 2; 2 Pet. 2:19; 1 John 2:13, 18–29; 4:1–6.

### Plotting the Course

#### The students will:

- ▶ Identify and explain the traits of false prophets and antichrists.
- ▶ Explain the difference between false prophets/antichrists and *the* antichrist.
- ▶ Discuss the importance of a relationship with God and the daily study of Scripture in helping to identify antichrists.

### Preparing to Lead

“The last great delusion is soon to open before us. Antichrist is to perform his marvelous works in our sight. So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures. By their testimony every statement

and every miracle must be tested.”\* At the end of time, we know that many false prophets and antichrists will try to take our eyes off of the truth. We must learn to test their claims and miracles against Scripture and through daily communication with Jesus.

### Getting Started

**A.** In recent history, there have been several religious movements in which the leader claimed to be “God” or “Christ” (David Koresh and the Branch Davidians; Jim Jones and the People’s Temple, etc.). Using the blackboard, whiteboard, or flipchart to record answers, have class members name those events, listing the qualities of the leaders and/or their claims. Discuss what the end result was for their followers. *Ask:* •“Would the real Christ have made those claims?” •“Would He have treated others in those ways?” •“Would the followers have met

that end?”

**B. Say:** “Many of us have been tricked by or drawn to something that was not of God or knows of someone who has. It may have been something that was a clear distraction, or it may have been more subtle.” Then have class members share stories from their own lives or the lives of others (being careful not to name names) where false prophets, antichrists, or even “worldly” things have come between believers and their relationship with Christ.

### Delving Into the Word

**A.** Using the texts from Surveying the Source, make a chart on the blackboard,

whiteboard, or flipchart comparing qualities/actions of true believers with those of

### Materials

chalkboard/whiteboard/  
flipchart and appropriate  
markers; pencils

antichrists and false prophets. Make two columns, one with Believers written at the top, the other with Antichrists. Have class members read each scripture aloud, then list the mentioned qualities under the appropriate heading. Discuss how the qualities of believers apply to our own lives today.

**B.** Have class members read each text

aloud from *Surveying the Source*. Using the reproducible activity for this lesson (p. 36), have members write down the quality that believers should have, or what they should watch out for. Class members should then share their answers, discussing practical applications for each verse/principle in their own daily lives.

## Discussing the Ideas

1. What are the traits/qualities of antichrists and false prophets?

2. How will we know *the* antichrist?

3. How have others before us been tricked?

4. How has your idea of who and what the antichrist is changed since the beginning of this lesson study?

5. What are some of the traits/qualities of true believers?

6. What are some things we can do to maintain a strong connection with God each day? Why is it important for us to have that strong connection with God?

7. How do you think things will change in the coming years before Jesus returns? Do you think things will be worse? More tricky? Explain.

8. Why is it important for us to study this topic?

## Closing the Activity

Have someone read Matthew 24:5. *Say:* “Already, many have come in Jesus’ name. Already, many have been tricked and led astray. But Satan isn’t done yet. He has much more work to do. This is why it’s so important for us to maintain a

connection with Jesus through reading the Bible and prayer. Only through this constant communication will our eyes be opened to the lies Satan puts in front of us.” Close with prayer.

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*\*The Great Controversy, p. 593.*

## Watching for the Antichrist

The Bible tells us we must watch and be ready for those who will try to trick us. However, it doesn't leave us hanging there with no instruction. It also tells us what traits true believers will have, and it guides us toward Jesus with each step. Read the verses below, and for each one, write the quality believers should have, or what they should watch out for.

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Acts 2:15-17 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Rom. 6:2, 11 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2 Cor. 3:18 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2 Thess. 2:3, 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Heb. 1:1, 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2 Pet. 2:19 \_\_\_\_\_  
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1 John 2:13, 18-29 \_\_\_\_\_  
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1 John 4:1-6 \_\_\_\_\_