

Together on the Journey

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2 Peter 2:10-16
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After 15 seasons and 342 episodes, *Criminal Minds* took it's final bow on CBS on February 19, 2020.

Peter offers a profile of the _____ and _____ of false teachers.

_____ are their weapons.

Peter uses _____ to describe these false teachers:

- Unreasoning _____ (v. 12b)
- Blots and _____ upon Christianity (v.13b)
- Mists driven by a _____. (v. 17b)
- Dogs returning to their own _____. (v. 22a)
- Hogs wallowing in the _____ (v. 22b)

False teacher speak words of _____.

1. How can these false teachers be so bold in their practice (2 Peter 2:10b)? Who are the glorious ones that they blaspheme (cf. Jude 1:8)? How does Peter's comment about angels highlight the severity of what the false teachers are doing (2 Peter 2:11; Jude 1:9)?

2. How else does Peter describe false teachers (2 Peter 2:12; Jude 1:10)? How can they be so blind to their own self-destruction (2 Peter 2:13; Isaiah 3:11; Romans 6:23; Galatians 6:7; cf. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4)? How can these verses help us to identify false teachers (Romans 16:17-18)?

3. Peter's description of the false teachers is shocking (2 Peter 2:14-15; cf. Jeremiah 6:13). Before we begin to see ourselves as superior to these false teachers, however, how are our lives described before we trusted Jesus Christ as our Savior (Ephesians 2:1-4; Colossians 1:21)?

4. Who was Balaam, son of Beor and how are false teachers like him (2 Peter 2:15; Numbers 22:5- 6; 25:3; 31:16; Revelation 2:14)? How did God humble Balaam and expose his sin (2 Peter 2:16; Numbers 22:28-30)? Do you think false teachers would be open to similar humbling?

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