Sorry not many updates. Have been feeling a little down the past few days...

About half a dozen people have sent me this link over the past few weeks. I didn't want to give this guy too much exposure, for no doubt he is reaping the rewards of the media attention he has been enjoying recently. Jose Luis de Jesus Miranda, a Miami pastor, claimed recently to be Jesus Christ. He said while he was in bed a spirit visited him, and merged with his own spirit (demonic possession) and now he claims to be Jesus Christ. More recently he has claimed to be the Antichrist, and has even instructed his followers to wear the number 666 on their arms. But what makes this story particularly sad is that Jose has deceived a lot of sincere people, who help to fund his "ministry". The "gospel according to Jose" states that you can live whatever way you please, it doesn't matter, as once you are saved you are going to heaven anyway.

Quote: *"And what about the tattoo of 666 on his arm? Although it's a number usually associated with Satan, not the son of God, de Jesus says that 666 and the Antichrist are, like him, misunderstood. The Antichrist is not the devil, de Jesus tells his congregation; he's the being who replaces Jesus on Earth. "Antichrist is the best person in the world," he says. "Antichrist means don't put your eyes on Jesus because Jesus of Nazareth wasn't a Christian. Antichrist means do not put your eyes on Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Put it on Jesus after the cross." And de Jesus says that means him.*

The disciples asked the Lord Jesus Christ how they would know when the end of the age was upon them. His first words in answer to this question may have sounded strange to them, but for us the conditions the Lord describes seem to be becoming more and more prevalent...

Luke 21:8

And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am [Christ]; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

The Bible scholars tell us that the words in brackets should not be there in the original Greek. In other words, people would come along in the last days and say "I AM", another title for God (Exodus 3:14). The New Age movement is one of the biggest movements today that claim ownership of this title, for they believe that everything and everyone is god, and as Christ said, they are deceiving many. Jose is a bit different than the New Agers, for he is demonically possessed and is coming "in Christ's name". In my personal experience on the internet over the last few years, I have had long discussions with one person who claimed to be the Messiah, and another who claimed to be the personal representative of the coming Messiah. I have also spoken with a few people who offered hidden knowledge on prophecy if only I would forsake the Scriptures. Friends, it is true, many are coming in Christ's name, but what they say does not match up with the Scriptures, which are the acid test for any such claims. Satan wants us to reject the authority of the Scriptures, for he knows that is the only thing that will prevent us from be beguiled by his subtlety. Let us keep studying the Scriptures, and keep watching for our Messiah Jesus Christ.

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