

The Unsound Teacher

Background

Monica & I were just off on holiday and had booked into an hotel near Gatwick airport as we had an early departure the next day. I should have been thinking pleasant holiday related thoughts but instead I started thinking about how many Christian leaders get criticised about their teaching. As I lay in bed, the following thoughts came to me.

There was a popular preacher/teacher who would go from place to place spreading the Word of God wherever he went. People would come from near and far in their droves (sometimes thousands of them at a time) just to hear him.

But not everyone was happy. There were a few who were concerned that what he was saying was too off-beam and that the people were just following the man. They tried warning the people, but their warnings fell on deaf ears. They tried telling them that the man had dubious contacts – criminals, prostitutes and the like and that his teaching would corrupt the truth - but to no avail. Finally, they tried digging into his past and found more to discredit him. He was untrained as a teacher, just the son of a humble tradesman from a remote, insignificant village ... called Nazareth.

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