HOW CAN WE IDENTIFY A FALSE RELIGIOUS SYSTEM? THE EVIL WEIGHT OF FALSE TEACHING UNVEILED Matthew 12:1-8

I. Those who propagate false teaching ACCUSE THOSE WHO DO NOT SUBJECT THEMSELVES TO THEIR FALSE BURDENSOME RELIGIOUS SYSTEM: The Pharisees condemn Jesus's disciples for supposedly breaking the Sabbath (1-2) **A.** Sabbath explained (misc. Scriptures) The Sacred cow of Judaism **B.** The Pharisees bogus indictment of Jesus's disciples (1-2) II. Those who propagate false teaching DENY CHRIST BY ELEVATING TRADITION. SHADOWS, AND RITUAL OVER CHRIST AND HIS WORD: Jesus reproves the Pharisees for their misinterpretation of His Word which reveals their heart and denial of Him and His absolute Lordship (3-8) **A.** Those caught up in false religious systems misinterpret God's Word elevating their tradition, ritual, and sacrifices over people (3-4) **B.** Those caught up in false religious systems misinterpret God's Word elevate tradition ritual over Christ (5-6) **C.** Those caught up in false religious systems attempt to serve God externally rather than through an internal heart change, ultimately denying His Word thus His Lordship (7-8)