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#4: The Church is Full of Hypocrites Matthew 23

You're visiting Grandma, and she gives little Boris a banana. He gobbles it and drops the peel on the kitchen floor. "Boris," you say, "Grandma could slip on that and break her hip!" But you think, is that actually true? Or just a gag?

Sounds like a job for *Mythbusters*, the show that separates truth from myth. Every week, special-effects experts Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman use modern science to separate fact from fiction, reality from urban legend.

Each week this Fall, what the TV show does in the physical world, we are doing in the spiritual world. We take a popular belief about spirituality or ethics, test it, and pronounce it *Busted*, *Plausible*, or *Confirmed*.

Def. hypocrisy. Pretending to be _____ than you are.

A 4-part response to *The church is full of hypocrites*:

1. You're mostly W _____ about the church. *word confusion
 - a. Don't you really mean the church is full of _____?
 - b. But being a sinner is a prerequisite for being a Christian! Romans 4:8
**The church is not a private club for the holy, but a hospital for the sick.*
2. You're partly R _____ about the church.
 - a. I've pretended to be better than I am; life and lip don't match up.
 - b. But not everyone who attends church is a Christian. Matt 13:24-30
 - c. And _____ hasn't pretended to be something they're not? Isaiah 9:17
3. But are you using this as a CO _____?
 - ... for rejecting moral claims on your behavior?
 - ... for ignoring Christ's claims on your life?

**If you let a hypocrite stand between you and God, guess who's closer to God?*
4. Are you gonna let a few hypo's keep you out of _____?
**You can choose between spending some time here with a few hypocrites or all your time hereafter with lots of hypocrites.*

"The Church is Full of Hypocrites" is ...
Busted *Plausible* *Confirmed*