

**First Baptist Church of Hampton**  
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**Sermon Outline Closed Notes:**

**Sermon Scripture:** Matthew 17:14 – 21 (Good News Translation)

**Message Title:** No False Advertising!

**Current/Scripture Context:**

- This great nation in which we live is **frequently** guilty of false advertising!
- The flip side, though, is that some of us have been **guilty** of false advertising ourselves.
- God, though gives a **remedy** for false advertising. A **solution** that has been the same through the ages...God's solution is, just be **real**!
- The problem of the **disciples** in the text is this problem of false advertising.
- This brother comes up with his **sick** son and says to Jesus that your boys couldn't do anything to **help** me.
- They **looked** like they could do it; they **sounded** like they could do it, but they were just **phony** representations of your power...false advertising!
- Maybe, though, God was teaching the disciples a lesson, because they were starting to get **arrogant**. Maybe they needed to be reminded that it's not by **power**, nor by **might**, but by God's **Spirit**! No false advertising!

**Relevant Question(s):**

- How do we avoid false advertising? How does the church prevent false advertising so that the folks who are depending on us for hope and inspiration, won't leave shouting that we are guilty of false advertising?

**Sermon Observations:**

1. Make sure your **advertising** matches your **actions**!
2. Make sure your **actions** are fueled by your **anointing**!

**Calvary Connection:**

- You don't have to do false advertising because a **long** time ago, the Father sent in His Son with **reinforcements**! On Friday it looked like **false** advertising; on Saturday it looked like the mission had **failed**; but early on Sunday morning Jesus advertising **matched** His actions: Destroy this **temple** and in three days it will be **rebuilt**!
- BONUS: What famous singer did Barry Gordy get to help his son's song? **Michael Jackson**