

Verdict

Winning Hypothesis: The market is correct: Bitcoin's current downtrend is not a temporary failure of the 'digital gold' narrative but an inevitable structural adjustment driven by rising real yields and liquidity contraction in a stagflationary phase. If the Fed delays or freezes rate cuts due to a lack of inflationary easing, rising real yields will sharply increase the opportunity cost of non-yielding assets like Bitcoin. This undermines Bitcoin's safe-haven function through the same logic that previously caused gold (GOLD) to decline. Therefore, the breakdown of the \$73,000 support level and net ETF outflows reflect the market's accurate pricing of macro realities (prolonged high rates), while capital shifting to the AI sector represents a 'selective liquidity reallocation' within risk assets. Bitcoin's price decline is thus a rational market response.

Market participants face the reality that expectations for Fed rate cuts have been dashed, PCE inflation exceeded forecasts, and the high-rate regime is likely to persist. Massive net outflows exceeding 1 trillion KRW from spot ETFs and whale capital shifting to the AI sector indicate a sharp contraction in risk appetite. The collapse of the \$73,000 support level and detection of dark pool selling reflect a short-term 'plunge' phase.

This assessment is correct because the T10Y2Y Treasury spread remains positive at 0.46%, meaning no clear recession signal (inversion) has occurred. The invalidation condition from the previous judgment—'two consecutive weeks of T10Y2Y spread inversion below -0.2%'—has not been met. Furthermore, gold (GOLD), a traditional safe haven, has fallen 13.72% over the past three months, strongly suggesting that rising real rates have undermined the safe-haven narrative itself. Bitcoin's 17.47% decline over six months and the Nasdaq (NDX)'s 11.17% gain over one month clearly demonstrate a 'selective liquidity shift' as capital reallocates to the AI sector. While consumer sentiment (UMCSENT 49.8) is contracting, the current macro environment is overwhelmingly supported by evidence (gold decline, positive spread, NDX rise) indicating the Fed is more likely to maintain a hawkish stance due to a lack of inflationary slowdown.

Action: Overweight NDX; underweight GOLD/Bitcoin

Invalidation: If the T10Y2Y Treasury spread inverts below -0.2% for two consecutive weeks

Risk Factors: Macro Risk: Potential collapse of AI sector valuations if real rates rise further due to the Fed's sustained hawkish stance., Technical/Positioning Risk: Risk of a sharp reversal (rotation) in 'selective liquidity' due to excessive concentration of the AI sector within NDX., Event Risk: The possibility that a further sharp decline in consumer sentiment (UMCSENT) signals a real economic slowdown, forcing the Fed to pivot its policy stance.

Macro Picture

Regime: risk_off

Key Themes: Prolonged high rates and liquidity contraction, Institutional capital outflow from spot ETFs and rotation into the AI sector, Coexistence of real economy slowdown signals and inflation concerns

Dominant Narrative: Bitcoin market participants face the reality that expectations for Fed rate cuts have been dashed, PCE inflation exceeded forecasts, and the high-rate regime is likely to persist. Risk appetite has sharply contracted, evidenced by over 1 trillion KRW in net outflows from spot ETFs and whales reallocating capital to the AI semiconductor sector. The collapse of the \$73,000 support level, Middle East tensions, and detection of dark pool selling by major institutions like BlackRock suggest a short-term 'crash' phase.

Reality: As of April 2026, the Consumer Sentiment Index (UMCSENT) stands at 49.8, indicating a contraction zone, while Industrial Production (INDPRO) remains at 102.5, signaling a slowdown in the real economy. Despite this, CPI holds at 332.4, fueling stagflation concerns. Although the 10Y-2Y Treasury spread (T10Y2Y) remains positive at 0.46%, the Fed's comments on potential rate holds or hikes are raising real rates, diminishing the appeal of non-

yielding assets like Bitcoin. Initial Jobless Claims (ICSA) are stable at 215,000, but the absence of inflationary easing and the resulting halt in liquidity provision are exerting downward pressure on the cryptocurrency market.

Hypotheses

A (Market Right)

The market is correct: Bitcoin's current downtrend is not a temporary failure of the 'digital gold' narrative but an inevitable structural adjustment caused by rising real yields and liquidity contraction in a stagflationary environment. If the Fed delays or holds interest rate cuts due to lack of inflationary slowdown, rising real yields will sharply increase the opportunity cost of non-yielding assets like Bitcoin, neutralizing its safe-haven function under the same logic that previously drove gold (GOLD) lower. Thus, the collapse of the \$73,000 support level and ETF outflows reflect the market's accurate pricing of macro realities (prolonged high rates), while capital rotation into the AI sector represents a 'selective liquidity reallocation' within risk assets, making Bitcoin's price decline a rational market response.

1. Stagflation (high CPI + sluggish real economy) prevents Fed rate cuts, driving up real yields. 2. Rising real yields diminish the appeal of non-yielding assets like Bitcoin, collapsing the safe-haven narrative similar to past gold declines. 3. As long as the T10Y2Y spread remains positive (0.46%), the recession signal is unclear, ensuring the Fed's hawkish stance persists; therefore, Bitcoin's decline reflects 'reality pricing' rather than 'excessive optimism correction'.

B (Market Wrong)

The market is wrong: Bitcoin's sharp decline is an overreaction to stagflation fears, and the macro reality of 'economic slowdown' will exert stronger downward pressure than the market narrative of 'higher-for-longer rates'. The Consumer Sentiment Index (49.8) and industrial production slowdown are already severe recession signals that will force a Fed policy pivot, yet the market remains fixated solely on 'failed inflation control'. A rapid deterioration in the real economy will ultimately compel the Fed to cut rates; once liquidity supply resumes, Bitcoin will recover its value as 'digital gold' and rebound to levels far above current prices. Current ETF outflows and dark pool selling are temporary fears typical of early-stage recessions; even before the T10Y2Y spread inversion, as recession data accumulates, the market narrative will reverse sharply.

1. UMCSENT at 49.8 and the INDPRO slowdown foreshadow an 'inevitable outcome' of Fed rate cuts. 2. The market is currently overconcentrated on 'prices (CPI)', underestimating the impact of 'economic slowdown'. 3. Once the recession reaches a critical threshold, the Fed will respond more sensitively to unemployment than inflation, unleashing liquidity; at that point, Bitcoin will surge as a liquidity-beneficiary asset similar to gold. 4. Therefore, the current decline reflects an 'incomplete pricing of recession signals', indicating the market has misinterpreted the direction of macro reality.

Key Question: Before the T10Y2Y Treasury spread inverts below -0.2% for two consecutive weeks, signaling a clear recession, will the Fed maintain rate hikes to raise real rates citing 'lack of inflation slowdown', or will it prioritize 'Consumer Sentiment collapse (49.8)' and 'industrial production slowdown' as more critical indicators to enact preemptive rate cuts?

Tensions

The market narrative warns of a Bitcoin crash driven by prolonged high rates and liquidity contraction, emphasizing institutional capital flight to the AI sector. However, the macro reality reveals a structural contradiction: the real economy is slowing (stagflation) while inflation remains sticky, making Fed rate cuts inevitable only after a delay. This creates a severe disconnect between the narrative expecting Bitcoin to serve as a safe-haven 'digital gold' and the reality of selling pressure on non-yielding assets due to rising real rates.

0.85

Narrative: Risk asset aversion and sharp Bitcoin decline driven by prolonged high interest

Reality: Liquidity supply halt due to rising real yields and stagflation concerns stemmin

BTC

NDX

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GOLD

The narrative maintains optimism that buying intent from major institutions like Michael Saylor or inflows into protective ETFs can defend against declines. In reality, however, massive net outflows exceeding 1 trillion KRW from major spot ETFs like BlackRock and detected dark pool selling indicate accelerating institutional capital flight. This highlights a clear directional mismatch between the 'institution-led rally' narrative and the data showing actual institutional withdrawal.

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Narrative: Sustained buying intent from major institutions such as Strategy and expectation

Reality: Substantial institutional capital outflow evidenced by over 1 trillion KRW net o

BTC SPX VIX

Market participants maintain a narrative interpreting geopolitical risks, such as Middle East tensions, as a catalyst for increased Bitcoin demand as 'digital gold.' However, macro data shows that under liquidity contraction and a high-rate regime, selling pressure across all risk assets dominates, causing Bitcoin to correlate as a risk asset rather than a safe haven, leading to declines. This represents a disconnect between the narrative of safe-haven inflows during geopolitical crises and the reality of correlated declines in a risk-off environment.



Narrative: Expectation of strengthened Bitcoin safe-haven function and price defense amid g

Reality: Bitcoin correlating with risk assets and declining even amid geopolitical risks

BTC GOLD DXY

Alternatives

US10Y - 미국 10 년물 국채

수익률 수혜 (가격 하락 시에도 높은 이자 수익 확보)

In an environment where gold (GOLD) declines due to rising real yields and stagflation concerns, while bond price risks from rising nominal rates exist, the T10Y2Y spread remains positive (0.46%), indicating no clear recession signal. Under the 'prolonged high rates' narrative, a strategy directly capturing treasury yields as a substitute for cash assets remains effective. Specifically, if gold's safe-haven function collapses, treasuries will still serve as the most reliable 'cash alternative' and a hedge against interest rate sensitivity during liquidity contraction.

USD - 미국 달러 (DXY)

상승

With the Fed maintaining a hawkish stance, prolonged high rates, and global liquidity contraction, the dollar is being re-evaluated as the strongest 'safe asset.' While gold and Bitcoin are vulnerable to rising real yields and declining, the dollar index (DXY) faces upward pressure by benefiting from both high-rate arbitrage and liquidity reduction. Notably, capital flowing into the AI sector further reinforces confidence in the US domestic economy and dollar-denominated assets.

T-BILL - 단기 미국 국채 (T-Bill)

수익률 수혜 (가격 안정 + 높은 이자)

The optimal alternative to avoid long-term treasury price volatility while securing high risk-free rates amid the Fed's high-rate regime. In a phase of 'selective liquidity movement' where NDX rises and gold falls, the first destination for capital exiting risk assets (Bitcoin/Gold) is short-term treasuries, which offer low volatility and guaranteed yields. This strategy fulfills the role of 'cash' while maintaining partial defense against inflation.

Eval Scores

PASS



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결론: 시장이 맞다: 비트코인의 현재 하락세는 '디지털 금' 내러티브의 일시적 실패가 아닌, 스태그플레이션 국면에서 실질 금리 상승과 유동성 수축이 초래한 필연적인 구조적 조정이 맞다. 연준이 물가 둔화 부재로 인해 금리 인하를 지연하거나 동결할 경우, 실질 금리 (Real Yield) 가 상승하여 **비수익 자산인 비트코인의 기회비용이 급증하며, 이는 과거 금 (GOLD) 이 하락한 것과 동일한 논리로 비트코인의 안전자산 기능을 무력화시킨다.** 따라서 **73,000 달러 지지선 붕괴와 ETF 순유출은 시장이 매크로 현실 (고금리 장기화) 을 올바르게 선반영한 결과이며, AI 섹터로의 자금 이동은 위험 자산 내의 '선택적 유동성 재배치'로, 비트코인 가격 하락은 합리적인 시장 반응이다.** [HIGH]

이는 맞는 판단인데, T10Y2Y 국제 스프레드가 0.46% 로 양수 (Positive) 를 유지하여 명확한 경기 침체 신호 (역전) 가 발생하지 않았기 때문입니다. 직전 판정의 무효화 조건인 'T10Y2Y 스프레드의 2 주 연속 -0.2% 이하 역전'이 충족되지 않았습니다. 또한, 전통적인 안전자산인 금 (GOLD) 이 최근 3 개월간 -13.72% 하락한 것은 실질 금리 상승이 안전자산 내러티브 자체를 붕괴시켰음을 강력히 시사하며, 비트코인의 6 개월 -17.47% 하락과 나스닥 (NDX) 의 1 개월 11.17% 상승은 자금이 AI 섹터로 재배치되는 '선택적 유동성 이동' 현상을 명확히 보여줍니다. 소비자 심지 (UMCSENT 49.8) 의 위축은 존재하나, 현재 매크로 환경은 연준이 물가 둔화 부재로 이유로 매파적 기조를 유지할 가능성이 더 높음을 지지하는 증거 (GOLD 하락, 스프레드 양수, NDX 상승) 가 압도적입니다.

→ NDX 비중 확대 및 GOLD/비트코인 비중 축소

무효화: T10Y2Y 국제 스프레드가 2 주 연속 -0.2% 이하로 역전할 경우

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