

Christ-Centered Choices In Crisis

Matthew 7:13-29

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Read the final section of Jesus' sermon in Matthew 7:13-29. Jesus talks about narrow and wide gates, good and bad trees, and wise and foolish builders. How do these three metaphors work together to make a common point?

The narrow and wide gates (7:13-14)

What does this passage teach about the way of salvation?

Would you call this inclusive or exclusive? Why?

What distinguishes genuine prophets and followers from false ones?

Trees and fruit (7:15-23)

What does Jesus mean by "fruit"?

What kind of "fruit" are you bearing?

Wise and foolish builders (7:24-29)

How does 7:24-27 summarize Jesus' teaching on the Sermon on the Mount?

According to 7:28-29, how did the crowds react to Jesus' teaching?

"Spiritual transformation leads to gospel saturation." God wants to change our lives from the inside out, so that through us, it changes the world around us. But it comes down to a decision we make concerning Jesus Christ.

What will the practice of Jesus' sermon require of you?