

# Sermon on the Mount

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## Lord, Lord

- Sermon on the mount
- Speaking to disciples
- People listening who aren't all disciples
- There are wolves in sheep's clothing
- We recognize them by their fruits
- Healthy tree, healthy fruit
- Diseased tree, diseased fruit

**Matthew 7:19-20 (ESV)** 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

Some of the most sobering verses in the entire bible.

**Matthew 7:21-23 (ESV)** 21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

- Jesus isn't warning atheists here.
- He's talking about people who call Him “Lord”.

- They do spiritual things: miracles, deliverance, prophecy.
- If people who cast out demons and prophesied in His name can be rejected, what then is the standard for entering the kingdom of heaven?
- This is the danger of a spiritual illusion/deception.

**Luke 6:46 (ESV)** “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”

- Luke 6 is a parallel teaching to SOTM.
- Gifts are not a sign of salvation.
- You are not saved by your works.
- Giftedness without godliness is demonic and leads to deception and hypocrisy.
- Demons are capable of miracles, they believe and tremble; yet it does not change their rebellion.

JTB to Pharisees

**Matthew 3:7-10 (ESV)** 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

- It’s not what you do for God.

- It is believing and receiving what God has done for you.

**Matthew 7:23** And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

- Lawlessness – a life lived on your own terms.
- This is actually a declaration from Jesus that He is God.
- Knew – Relationship. Intimacy.

**John 10:14 (ESV)** I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me...

- The Book of Life

To Sardis, a reputation of works and life but dead spiritually.

**Revelation 3:5 (ESV)** The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.

- If people who cast out demons and prophesied in His name can be rejected, what then is the standard for entering the kingdom of heaven?
- The one who does the will of the heavenly father.

**John 6:40 (ESV)** For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

- Peter & Jesus