

Standing at a Crossroad

A Tale of Two Crowds

Matthew 21:1-11, 27:11-23

Crossroad: At a point of decision or a critical juncture

How you answer these four questions will help you know which crowd you are in and how to change crowds if needed:

Do you _____ Jesus or _____ Jesus?

To _____ Jesus means to _____ His commands

1 John 2:3-6 - ³We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

Do you praise God _____ or just on _____?

We need to praise God and give thanks in _____

Psalm 34:1 - I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

Ephesians 5:20 - always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 - give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Are you _____ by things that sound good, but may not be _____?

_____, _____, _____

Acts 17:11 - Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

2 Timothy 4:3 - ³For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

What are the _____ sources of _____ in your life?

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Those who push you closer to Jesus

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Those who _____ you away from Jesus

1 Corinthians 15:33 - Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."