



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **The Road, The Guide, and The Ground Beneath Your Feet**
Series: **Easter Sunday 2026**
Text: **Matthew 7:13-27**
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**“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
(Mt 11:28).**

When God says “**come**,” it is more than a courteous option but an _____ that determines **destiny and requires a decision**.

Jesus Gives Three Invitations to you!

1. Which Road are You On? - The CHOICE of _____.

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” — Matthew 7:13–14

- STARTS WITH AN INTENTIONAL _____
- THIS CHOICE WILL INVOLVE _____
- APPROACH THIS NEW ROAD THE RECOGNITION OF YOUR _____

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Mt 5:3).

2. Whose Voice are You Following? - The CHOICE of _____

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.” — Matthew 7:15–19

_____ **THE FRUIT! LOOK AT JESUS!**

“ The empty tomb is the ultimate credential. No other teacher, no other voice, no other influence in your life has conquered death. Jesus has. That changes whose voice deserves your deepest trust.”
Sinclair B. Ferguson

3. What are You Building Your Life On? - THE CHOICE OF _____

*“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and **puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.** The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and **does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.** The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” — Matthew 7:24–27*

- **TWO** _____
- **TWO** _____
- **ONE** _____
- **TWO DIFFERENT** _____

The question is not simply, “**Do you believe Jesus rose from the dead?**”

The question is, “**Are you building your life on the One who rose from the dead?**”

Conclusion:

Which road are you on?

Whose voice are you following?

What are you building your life on?

Easter is not simply a holiday. It is an invitation. The empty tomb is not just historical information — it is a summons. The risen Jesus is not just a doctrine to affirm — He is a Person to follow, a voice to trust, and a foundation to build your entire life upon.