

Series: Faithful Follower

Sermon Title: Known by Jesus

Passage: Matthew 7:21-23 & John 10:14-18

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Main Point: A Faithful Follower of Jesus is Known by Jesus

We exist to glorify God by helping people become faithful followers of Jesus.

What is a faithful follower of Jesus? It is someone who is:

- Known by Jesus
- Walks with Jesus
- Lives in Community
- Serves like Jesus
- Shares about Jesus

Main Point: A Faithful Follower of Jesus is **KNOWN BY JESUS.**

Matthew 7:13–23 (CSB)

¹³“Enter through the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who go through it.

¹⁴How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life, and few find it.

¹⁵“Be on your guard against false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravaging wolves.

¹⁶You’ll recognize them by their fruit. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes or figs from thistles?

¹⁷In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit.

¹⁸A good tree can’t produce bad fruit; neither can a bad tree produce good fruit.

¹⁹Every tree that doesn’t produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

²⁰So you’ll recognize them by their fruit.

²¹“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

²²On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in your name, drive out demons in your name, and do many miracles in your name?’

²³Then I will announce to them, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you lawbreakers!’

John 10:14–18 (CSB)

¹⁴“I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me,
¹⁵just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. I lay down my life for the sheep.
¹⁶But I have other sheep that are not from this sheep pen; I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock, one shepherd.
¹⁷This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again.
¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the right to lay it down, and I have the right to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Shepherd knows the sheep and the sheep know the Shepherd.

When our aim is to be “good” our focus is on behavior modification to change our actions.

When our aim is to be godly our focus is on Jesus who changes our identity.

“How can you expect to dwell with God forever, if you so neglect and forsake him here?” — **Jonathan Edwards**