

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS  
Which Path Do You Take?  
Matthew 7:13-29  
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Will you follow Jesus?

## TWO WAYS

*Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. <sup>14</sup> But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.*  
Matthew 7:13-14 NIV

We have the responsibility to make choices.

What road are you on?

*In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.* Judges 21:25 NAS

*There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.*  
Proverbs 14:12 NAS

## BEWARE FALSE PROPHETS

*Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. <sup>16</sup> By their fruit you will recognize them.* Matthew 7:15-16a

Today we are responsible for reading and understanding God's word and making the choice on how to live.

## IT'S MORE THAN MAGIC

*"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 who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?'*

*<sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'*  
Matthew 7:21-23 NIV

Even though the gift of salvation is free you have to commit your life to Jesus. That is a serious and life changing step.

People want power and position and the idea of magic and magic words serves that desire.

*They would say, "In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out." <sup>14</sup> Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. <sup>15</sup> One day the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?"*  
Acts 19:13b-15 NIV

## TWO FOUNDATIONS

*"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. <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> 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 NIV

If your house is built on the rock of Jesus and His teaching and God's will, how does that stand up to your life's storms?

Jesus taught like no one the people had ever heard.

*When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.*  
Matthew 7:28-29 NIV

Are you acting on the words of Jesus?