“Kingdom Come”
Sermon on the Mount Series: Fourteenth Lesson, Matthew 7.13-23

TWO WAYS
Learning Objectives - motivation to:
1. Stay on the right road
2. Stay alert
3. Stay sincere

Introduction

• QUESTION: Highlights so far?
• Contrast with Matt 7.12. What that does not look like.
• An anti-postmodernism section par excellence!

1. Two Ways

• Choice: Jer. 21:8
• The gates: stene ("narrow," v13) and tethlimmene (v14), "tribulation", Matt 5:10-12, 44; 10:16-39; 11:11-12, 24:4-13."
• Leads to life - the hearers have not entered yet. They must make a choice.
• Find it: Ties in with Matt 7.7-8.
• Warning - when you see a wide gate, reject it and search for a narrow one.
• Life: It’s Jesus! Jn 10.9. Find him and you find the gate - and life.
• QUESTION: How can we recognise when we are ‘going with the flow’?

2. Two Trees

• Didn’t take long: 2 Peter 2:1; 1 John 4:1–3; Revelation 2:20.
• QUESTION: How can we recognise the wolves?
  1. Bad.................
  2. False..................
  3. Unhealthy..............
• Jesus: Jn 10.11-13.
• Not a doctrinal but an ethical test.

3. Two Claims

A. Claims to be a disciple

• Calling him “Lord” - kyrios
• Know but refuse - Matt 19.16-30
• On their terms - Matt 8.18-22
• Key issue - “only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 7,21

B. Charismatic activity

• Jesus is welcoming of anyone on his ‘side’ (Mark 9.39-41), but anyone claiming a relationship with him must do so with respect. Acts 19.11-20!
• “What you really mean, Jesus is ..............”
• QUESTION: How could this warning apply to us?

Conclusion

• Two Fridays’ time sharing about what been helpful etc.
• Discuss with friends and bring something to share if you like in 2 weeks’ time

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