

# “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.
- Many / Few: **Luke 13:22-30 / Rev 7:9**
- 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**.
- Wolves: **Acts 20.29-30**.
- **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