

The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 7:13-29: The Altar Call

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1. *"I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep... whoever enters through me will be saved... the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full (Jn. 10:7-10).*
2. *For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus (1 Tim. 2:5).*
3. Qs: If you have chosen Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior – if you have entered that narrow gate – are you also on that narrow road? Does your life look more and more like the life Jesus has been describing so far in His sermon? How do you stay on that road? What do you do when you veer from that road? How would you know it?
4. How do we spot false teachers?
 - a. Know the Word of God to know what is true and what is false
 - b. It should hurt sometimes
 - c. Examine their lives
 - d. Examine their motivations
5. On that day (Judgment Day) – faith in Jesus will be all that matters!
6. Why do so many people build their lives on sand?
 - a. We live in a fallen world that is ruled by the devil (Jn. 8:44-47; 12:31-33; 14:30)
 - b. The broad gate and road is just easier
 - c. I think it'd be true to say that lots of people are headed to destruction – not out of stubbornness - but out of a thoughtlessness about their purpose is in life!
7. Q: Having taken stock of our own spiritual lives - Who (in our lives) do we need to help stop and think about where their lives are headed and to point out the consequences of ignoring the message of Jesus?