



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



The Narrow Gate

Matthew 7:13–14



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¹³ “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.
¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”



Outline of Jesus' Sermon

5:3–16

Introduction

The Character and Calling
of True Citizens
in God's Kingdom

5:17 — 7:12

Message

Deep Righteousness
in All of Life

7:13–27

Conclusion

Two Ways to Live



Jeremiah 21:8

“Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death.”



Joshua 24:15

“Choose this day whom you will serve...”



Deuteronomy 30:19

“I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse.
Therefore choose life...”



James 1:22

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only,
deceiving yourselves.



1. The narrow gate (7:13)

¹³ “Enter by the narrow gate.”



Colossians 1:13

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son...



John 10:7–9

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep... ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.”



John 14:6

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”



1 Timothy 2:5

...there is one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus...



Acts 4:12

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”



2. The easy road (7:13)

¹³ “For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.”



Proverbs 12:12

There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way to death.



3. The hard road (7:14)

¹⁴ “For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”



Luke 13:23–30

²³ And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴ “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷ But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’”



2 Timothy 3:12

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted...



Acts 14:22

“...through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.”



Matthew 10:16

“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves...”



Matthew 10:22

“...and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake.”



John 15:20

“Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.”



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