

# Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

## a summary (Matthew 5 – 7)

1. The kind of Kingdom disciples Jesus wants
2. Getting the commandments straight
3. Society behaviour - Yes, no, and revenge
4. Real religion in alms, prayer and fasting
5. Treasures and worry versus trusting God
6. Don't judge. Ask, seek, knock.  
The golden Rule
7. Final warnings and instructions,  
and a response is required

# **Finally ! Matthew 7:13-29**

**3 things you have to watch out for.**

**1. Missing the way**

**2. Fake believers**

**3. Self deception**

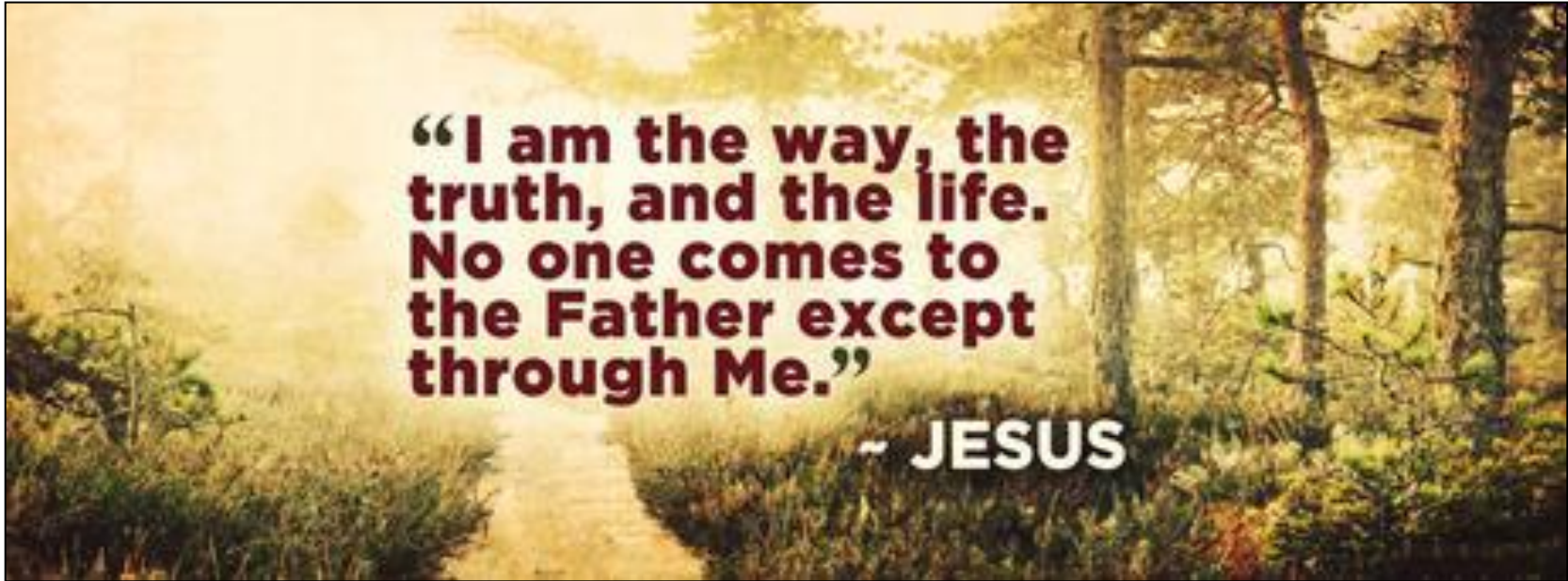
**Enter through the narrow gate. .... small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.**

**1. Beware!  
Taking the  
wrong way**



**In the minority ?**





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

**~ JESUS**



**NOR IS THERE SALVATION  
IN ANY OTHER,  
FOR THERE IS NO OTHER NAME  
UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN  
BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED.**

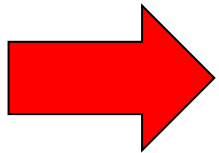
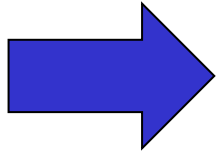
ACTS 4:12

**For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.**



**A mistake here is fatal !**

# The contrast. beginning and end



**Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep`s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.**

**2. Beware!  
Counterfeits**



# Spot the difference





## Deception only works if it's plausible

And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

Matthew 24:4-5



**They use 'god words' but with different meanings**

# How to detect Deception

to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. 1Co. 12:10-11

**Know what you believe.  
Exercise Spirit discernment**

**Test the fruit**



## **Warning: Double danger !**

Paul said .. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Acts 20:29

Jesus said ... "I know your works, your labour, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;  
Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Revelation 2:2,4

**By their fruit you will recognize them.**



**What bad fruit are we to look for ?**

**Their personal lifestyle,  
Effects on others ...**

**Do people pick grapes from thornbushes,  
or figs from thistles?**



**An audience familiar with these plants**

**Likewise every good tree bears good fruit,  
but a bad tree bears bad fruit.**

**A good tree cannot bear bad fruit,  
and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit**

A Crab-apple tree and fruit



**The fruit reflects  
the NATURE of the tree**

**Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.**



**Present and future judgement**



**Thus, by their fruit you  
will recognize them.**

***What kind of fruit do wolves  
produce?***

***What is good fruit?***

***Jesus isn't really talking  
about fruit trees***





**Not everyone who says to me, `Lord, Lord,`  
will enter the kingdom of heaven,  
but only he who does the will of my Father  
who is in heaven.**

**3. Beware!**

**There is no substitute  
for a real relationship**

**Talk is  
Cheap.**

**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 perform many miracles?`**



**Judgement day will be a terrible  
shock for some  
What was missing ?**

**Cf. 1 Corinthians 13**

Then I will tell them plainly,  
**'I never knew you.'**  
Away from me, you evildoers!

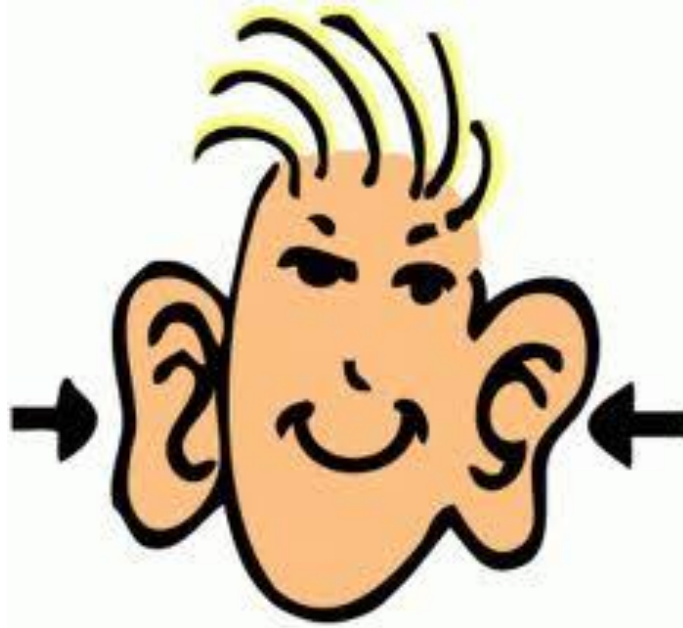
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**Does Jesus know you ?**

Therefore everyone who  
hears  
these words of mine



There's more to hearing than just the sounds

Everyone who hears these words of mine  
and puts them into practice



**... is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.**



**Solid foundations are *foundational***

**The rain came down, the streams rose,  
and the winds blew and beat against that house;**



**That's life !**

**yet it did not fall,  
because it had its foundation on the rock.**



There is something extra we can add to the story.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

James 1:2-3



**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.**



**What's the difference at first ?**

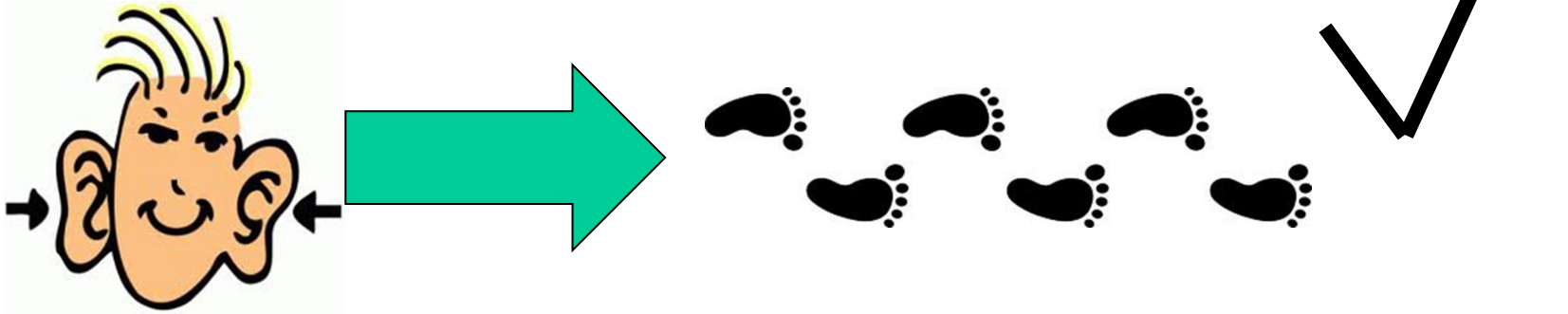
**The rain came down, the streams rose,  
and the winds blew and beat against that house,  
and it fell with a great crash.**



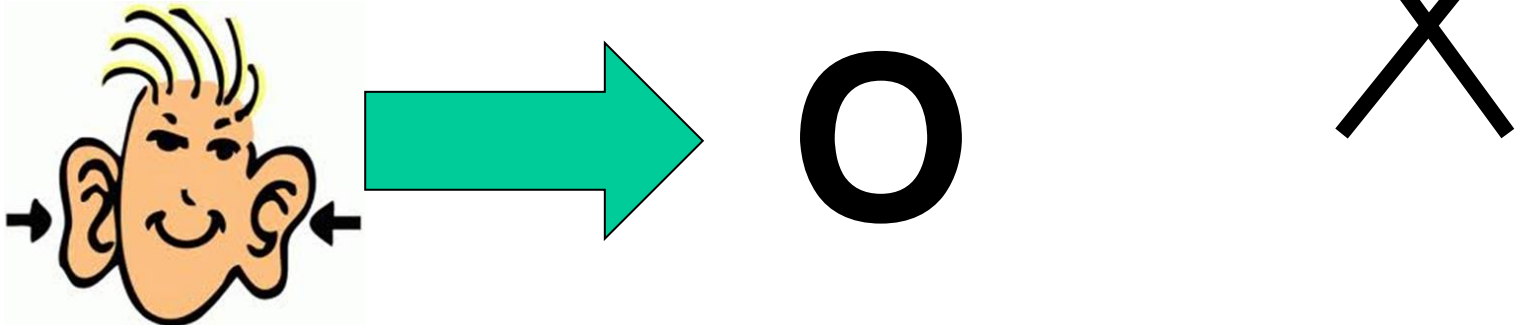
**Jesus isn't really talking about the weather  
and houses !**

What was the basic point of the parable?

Listen & put into practice



Just listen and do nothing about it



# **The crowd's response**

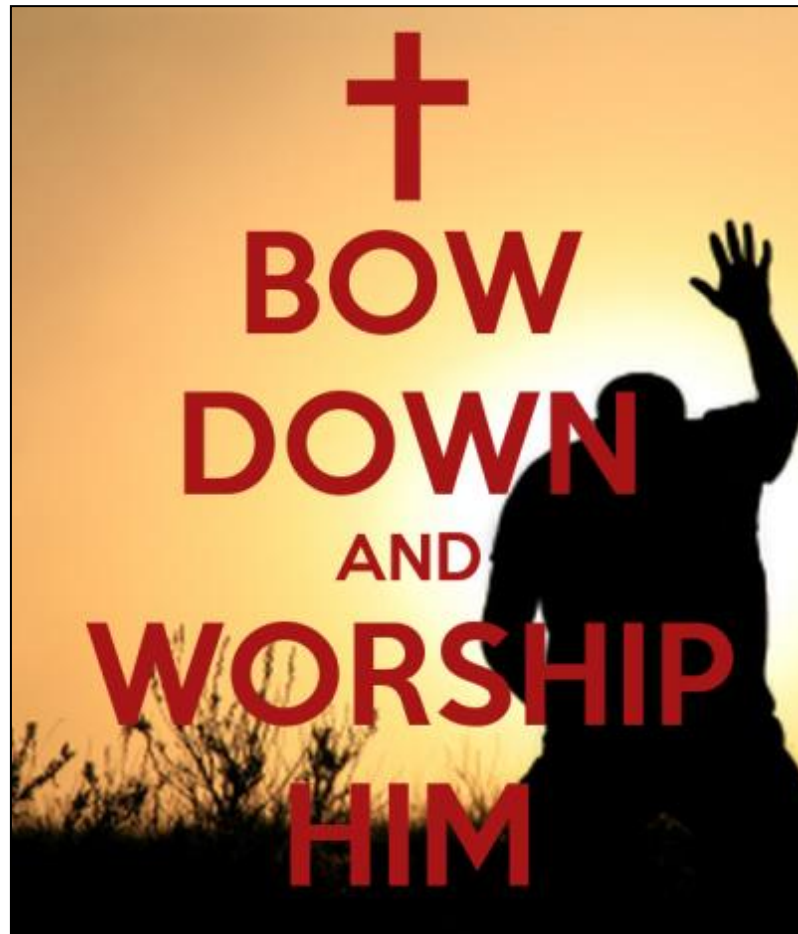
**When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.**



**“one who had authority”  
This was something new to them**

**Do you acknowledge his authority**

**Is Jesus Lord in your life ?**



**And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death-- even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**Philippians 2:8-11**

