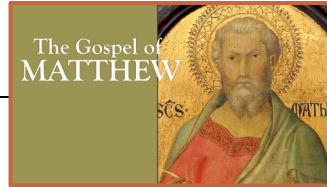


The Choice of Jesus

Matthew 7:13–29

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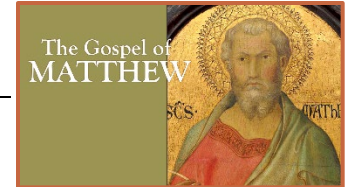


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Suggested Questions for Individual Study
or Group Discussion* — April 6, 2025



- What kind of decision-maker are you? Cautious or impulsive? Independent or collaborative? Deliberative or “go with your gut”?
- *Read Matthew 7:13–29.* What common theme runs through Jesus’ metaphors of gates, trees, and builders?
- In Matthew 7:13–14, what are the distinguishing features of the gates, roads, travelers, and destinations? Why might a person choose one over the other?
- How does someone enter through the narrow or small gate? How does this relate to Jesus and his teaching?
- What danger do false prophets pose to others and to themselves? What distinguishes false prophets from genuine ones? How might this be seen today?
- Why is simply saying, “Lord, Lord” not enough? What about their great works in Jesus’ name? What does Jesus want instead? What will this look like in a person’s life?
- What do the two home builders have in common (v. 24–27)? How do they differ? What difference does it make?
- Which of Jesus’ metaphors most captures your imagination and best connects with your life now? What is the Lord saying to you through this Scripture? What decision or commitment are you being invited to make?
- How will you put into practice the words you are hearing from Jesus, both here and throughout his sermon? How can your small group or others support and pray for you as you do?

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.