

THE
UPSIDE DOWN
KINGDOM

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

APRIL 26 – JULY 5



How do you Know?

Matthew 7:13-29

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.

15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.

18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine
and does them will be like a wise man who built
his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the
floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that
house, but it did not fall, because it had been
founded on the rock.

26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, 29 for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

Matthew 7:13-29 (ESV)

Three Contrasts

The background of the slide is a photograph of a sky during a sunset or sunrise. The sky transitions from a pale blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow at the bottom. There are numerous small, wispy clouds scattered throughout, some catching the light and appearing more vibrant. The overall mood is serene and peaceful.

Three Contrasts

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The narrow gate is unpopular and
hard.

“9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.”

John 10:9

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2) Two Trees: Healthy and Diseased

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23
gentleness, self-control; against such things there is
no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-21

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2) Two Trees: Healthy and Diseased

A healthy tree bears good fruit.

“5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.”

John 15:5-6

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The builder of the house on the rock
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13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:13

A full-page background image of a sunset sky. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds in shades of light blue, pale orange, and yellow. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, warm glow that transitions from a pale yellow near the horizon to a soft blue at the top of the frame. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

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