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(NS-1)

## The Jesus Way

Jesus offers an invitation to enter the Kingdom of God and explains the steps one needs to take.

**“... Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”** Matthew 4:17

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus has described the people and the practices of God’s Kingdom.

- Jesus wants every listener to be able to answer the question -> Are You Following Me? (NS-2)

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**“You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. <sup>14</sup> But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.”** Matthew 7:13-14

Jesus presents each of us with only two pathways – One leads to life, the other leads to destruction.

**“many”** choose the wide path that leads to hell - “Don’t restrict my control or freedom.” Mt.19:16-30 (NS-3)

**“few”** choose the narrow path that leads to life - It requires surrender - Faith alone, in Jesus alone.

**“...I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one can come to the Father except through Me.”** Jn. 14:6

Jesus leaves us with no neutral ground – Everyone of us has chosen one of these two pathways.

## The Deception

**“Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves.”** 7:15

False prophets are individuals who deceptively claim to speak words given to them from God. (NS-4)

- **Warning**-> The closer we get to the end of this age, the more prevalent they’ll become. Mt. 24:11
- False prophets can be identified by their fruit. **“Fruit”** is a Jewish metaphor for character and conduct.
- The fruit of a tree clearly identifies: (1.) The kind of tree it is. (2.) The health of the tree. Job 14:4

**Successfully Navigating the False Prophet Minefield:** (1.) Know the Word of God - Run everything through the Bible filter. (2.) Is Jesus at the center of everything? / His work on the Cross (3.) Is Scripture foundational to their teaching? (4.) Are tough issues being addressed? (Holiness - Hell - God’s wrath - Final judgement - Cultural Hot Buttons) (5.) Is Spiritual Transformation taking place? Is the Fruit of the Spirit being demonstrated in both the leaders and followers? (See warning in Matthew 7:19) (NS-5)

## The Relationship

**“Not everyone who calls out to Me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of My Father in heaven will enter. On judgment day many will say to Me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in Your name and cast out demons in Your name and performed many miracles in Your name.’ But I will reply, I never knew you. Get away from Me, you who break God’s laws.”** 7:21-23

Knowing right things about God and doctrine are essential for salvation but don’t always result in salvation.

**“...Only those who actually do the will of My Father in heaven will enter.”** Matthew 7:21

Pretenders can say and do the right things, but authentic Christians exhibit a pattern of doing the will of God because they’ve repented of their sins and turned to Him. This results in Heart-Change and Relationship.

Settling for a form of cultural Christianity will lead you to hearing these dreadful words on Judgement Day-

**“... I never knew you. Get away from Me, you who break God’s laws.”** Mathew 7:23

**Have you Chosen the Jesus Way?** It all comes down to **Faith Alone in Jesus Alone!** (NS-6)

## Next Steps –

1. Watch any sermon series and work through our helpful sermon guides at [www.lebefree.org](http://www.lebefree.org)
2. How would you answer Jesus if He asked, “Are Following Me?” Explain basis for your answer.
3. Build on this list of reasons why so many choose the pathway that leads to destruction/hell.
4. Further Study - False Prophets/Teachers: Deuteronomy 13:1-5; Isaiah 44:24-26; Jeremiah 23:16-18; Ezekiel 13:2-3; Micah 3:5-7; Mathew 24:4-12; Acts 20:29-30; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 1 John 4:1-3
5. Think through these five steps. Give examples of how each one can be or has been helpful to you.
6. Can you point to a time in your life when you chose the Jesus Way? – **Faith Alone in Jesus Alone!** Share your story with your Life Group or with a friend this coming week.

## Key Passages – (NLT)

### Deuteronomy 30:19-20

“Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! <sup>20</sup> You can make this choice by loving the LORD your God, obeying Him, and committing yourself firmly to Him. This is the key to your life...”

### Mathew 7:14

“And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people.”

### Acts 20:29

“I know that false teachers, like vicious wolves, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock.”

### Job 14:4

“Who can bring purity out of an impure person? No one!”

# I Choose the Jesus Way!