

“Which Way Are You Going?”

Matthew 7:13-14

Here is the invitation of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. He appeals to those who (1) are going the wrong way or (2) are uncertain about their direction. Jesus sets forth two ways or two directions before every man. The prophet Jeremiah identified these clearly in Jeremiah 21:8, “Behold, I set before you the WAY OF LIFE and the WAY OF DEATH.”

The big question for each of us is, “Which way are you going?” Evaluate these two options.

- I. There is the direction of DEATH AND DESTRUCTION (v. 13).
 - A. It is the way of EASY ACCESS (v. 13b).
 - B. It is the way of EASY TRAVEL (v. 13c).
 - C. It is the way of ETERNAL JUDGMENT (v. 13d).
 - D. It is the way of EXTRAORDINARY NUMBERS (v. 13e).

- II. There is the direction of LIFE AND PRESERVATION (v. 14).
 - A. This is the way WITH ONLY ONE ACCESS (v. 14a).
 - B. This is the way of DIFFICULT TRAVEL (v. 14b).
 - C. This is the way of ETERNAL LIFE (v. 14c).
 - D. This is the way of VERY FEW (v. 14d).

Here then are TWO WAYS-TWO DIRECTIONS. Which way are you going? We must go through the gate before we enter the path. There are no alternative entrances into heaven. In Deuteronomy 30:19 “God says, ‘I have set before you life and death the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants after you.’”