

SERMON OUTLINE

'Behold your King' - 10

MATTHEW 7 v 13 - 29

Recap/context:

Jesus began to preach the kingdom of heaven. Jesus, the great king to usher in the kingdom – essence, nature & character in two ways:

1. The citizens of the kingdom (5:3 to 12) - beatitude
2. The life of the kingdom (5:13 to 7:27)

To live the life of kingdom you need to be the citizen of the kingdom. Christian life can be lived only by becoming a Christian.

A. CONCLUSION OF THE SERMON/TEACHING

Three contrasting pairs:

1. Two gates (13 & 14)

Entry point for life:

Narrow gate → Narrow road → Life [Few finders]

Entry point to avoid:

Wide gate → Broad road → Destruction [Many users]

Jesus: The gate → The Way → The Life

2. Two Trees (15 to 23)

False prophets:

Ferocious wolves → Bad Tree → Bad fruit

Jesus:

The True Vine → True disciples abide in his word → Good fruit

3. Two Builders (24 to 27)

Wise → Hears → practices → stood through judgment

Foolish → Hears → No practice → collapsed in judgment

The foundation is hearing and obeying the words of Jesus – the divine specification

B. THE EMERGING REVELATION OF THE TEACHER (28 & 29)

– He is the King who will judge

'As one who had authority' – End of a teaching block (5 to 7).

Matthew later completely unveils –

'All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me...' - End of the teachings (28).