

“Knock, Knock, Knocking on Heaven’s Door”

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Matthew 7:13-14

INTRODUCTION: the necessity of a decision

Deut. 30:19-20; Josh. 24:14-15; 1 Ki. 18:21; Jn. 6:66-69

CONTEXT: warning against...

- hypocrisy (6:1-18) — be _____
- idolatry (6:19-34) — be _____
- causticity (7:1-12) — be _____
- apathy (7:13-27) — be _____

1. Wrestling with the text

a. two roads

Prov. 14:12

1) broad road

2) narrow road

b. two gates

1) broad gate

2) narrow gate

Mt. 19:24; Lk. 18:22-23

c. two groups of people

1) the “many”

2) the “few”

Jn. 13:34-35; Gal. 5:22-23

d. two destinations

1) leading to “life”

2) leading to “destruction”

Mt. 7:21-23; Lk. 13:24-27

2. Wrestling with Jesus’ claim

a. it’s narrow & exclusivistic...

Jn. 14:6; 10:7-9; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim. 2:5

b. ...but is it true?

1) Jesus is a legend...

2) Jesus is a liar...

3) Jesus is a lunatic...

4) Jesus is Lord.