

Matthew Series

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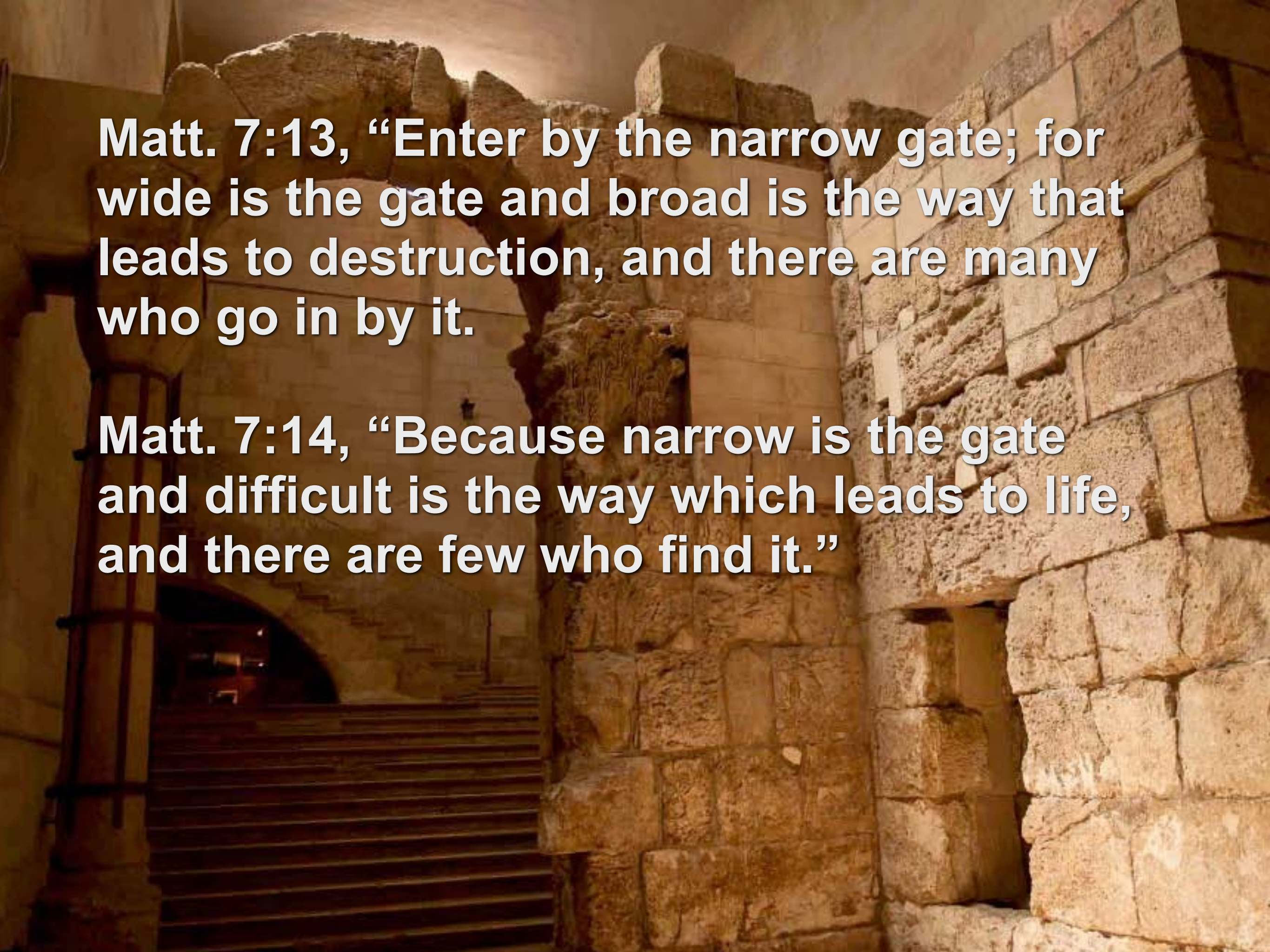


MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Which Path?

Matthew 7:13–20

A photograph of a stone archway. The arch is made of large, rough-hewn stones. To the right of the arch is a wall of smaller, more uniform stones. In the background, a set of stone stairs leads up through the archway. The lighting is warm and somewhat dim, suggesting an indoor or shaded outdoor setting.

Matt. 7:13, “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

Matt. 7:14, “Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’ ”

Deut. 30:15, “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil,

Deut. 30:16, “in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess.

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Deut 30:18, “I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess.”

Deut. 30:19, “I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;

Deut. 30:20, “that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

Psalm 119:30, “I have chosen the faithful way; I have placed Your ordinances before me”

Prov. 12:26, “The righteous should choose his friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray.”

Prov. 12:28, “In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death.”

Prov. 14:12, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.” [Prov. 16:25]

**Jeremiah 6:16, “Thus says the LORD,
‘Stand by the ways and see and ask for the
ancient paths, where the good way is, and
walk in it; and you will find rest for your
souls.’ But they said, ‘We will not walk in
it.’ ”**

**ἀπόλεια *apōleia* Noun acc fem sing
destruction, ruin**

**ἀπόλλυμι *apollumi* Verb
to destroy, ruin; to lose**

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προσέχω *prosechō*

pres act impera 2 plur

**to pay attention to,
watch out for, be alert for
danger**

Psa. 95:6, “Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Psa. 95:7, “For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice:”

Jer. 23:1, “ ‘Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!’ says the LORD.”

Jer. 23:16, “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; they speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the LORD.’ ”

Jer. 23:26, “How long will this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart,”

Jer. 23:32, “ ‘Behold, I am against those who prophesy false dreams,’ says the LORD, ‘and tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies and by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command them; therefore they shall not profit this people at all,’ says the LORD.”

Matt. 7:16, “You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?”

Matt. 7:17, “Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

Matt. 7:18, “A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

Matt. 7:19, “Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Matt. 7:20, “Therefore by their fruits you will know them.”

Deut. 13:1, “If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder,

Deut. 13:2, “and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’

Deut. 13:3, “you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”

Deut. 13:4, “You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.

Deut. 13:5, “But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall put away the evil from your midst.”

Deut. 18:20, “ ‘But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’

Deut. 18:21, “And if you say in your heart, ‘How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?’—

Deut. 18:22, “when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously;”