

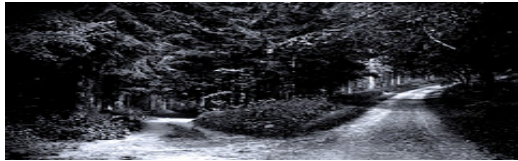
## Here is Your King

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### TWO ROADS, TWO TREES, TWO WORDS, TWO HOUSES: the Kingdom life through the rear-view mirror

Matthew 7:13-27

Living on the King's Highway, the CHURCH must MIRROR the LOVE of JESUS. LOVE is the dominant and summarizing theme of the Christian ethic. LOVE is central to the RIGHTEOUSNESS of the KINGDOM and the practice of discipleship.



#### TWO ROADS

Invitation: You are \_\_\_\_\_ to travel the \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 13-14).

"Go in through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the path that leads to final ruin is broad, and there are many who go that way. But how narrow the gate is and confined the path that leads to life, and there are few who find it..."



The View through the rear-view mirror  
on the King's Highway



#### TWO TREES

Warning: Your \_\_\_\_\_ will reveal your \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_ potential (vv. 15-23).

"Beware of the false prophets, those who come to you looking like sheep while within they are predatory wolves. You can recognize them by their deeds. One does not pick grapes from thorn bushes, does one? Or figs from thistles? Thus every good tree produces good fruit, but a decayed tree produces bad fruit. A good tree is not able to produce bad fruit, nor can a decayed tree produce good fruit. Every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. Clearly, then, you can recognize the false prophets by their deeds."

#### FRUIT TEST (Y or N)

Do people speak more highly of Jesus & the Kingdom because of what you do and say?

Do you bless others?

When you do good is it for God or for a show?

Are you stockpiling treasure in heaven or on earth?

Do you grab the initiative & do for others what you wish they would do for you?

Do you love others by your actions?

#### TWO WORDS



Warning: Your \_\_\_\_\_, your \_\_\_\_\_, your spectacular \_\_\_\_\_ can never take the place of actual \_\_\_\_\_ to the teaching of Jesus (vv. 21-23).

"Not everyone who acknowledges me with the words 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who actually does the will of my heavenly Father. There will be many who will say to me on the day of judgment, 'Lord, Lord, in your name did we not prophesy, and in your name did we not cast out demons, and in your name did we not perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them plainly: 'I have never acknowledged you. Depart from me you doers of iniquity.'"

#### HOLY MIMICRY

If you LOVE me, You will OBEY me. This is the Father's will.

#### TWO HOUSES



Warning: You play the \_\_\_\_\_ when you \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' words and fail to \_\_\_\_\_ them (vv. 24-27).

"Everyone, therefore, who hears these words of mine and does them, will be like the wise person who built a house on a foundation of rock. When the rain fell and the rivers overflowed, and when the gales blew and these together assailed that house, it did not fall, because it was founded upon rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like the foolish person who built a house on the sand. When the rain fell and the rivers overflowed, and when the gales blew and together assailed that house, it collapsed, and the damage was great."

#### SPEED LIMIT: GRACE

- ✓ This is not a new NOMISM (Formula).
- ✓ Gospel = GRACE
- ✓ King's Highway is about loving Jesus and loving others!