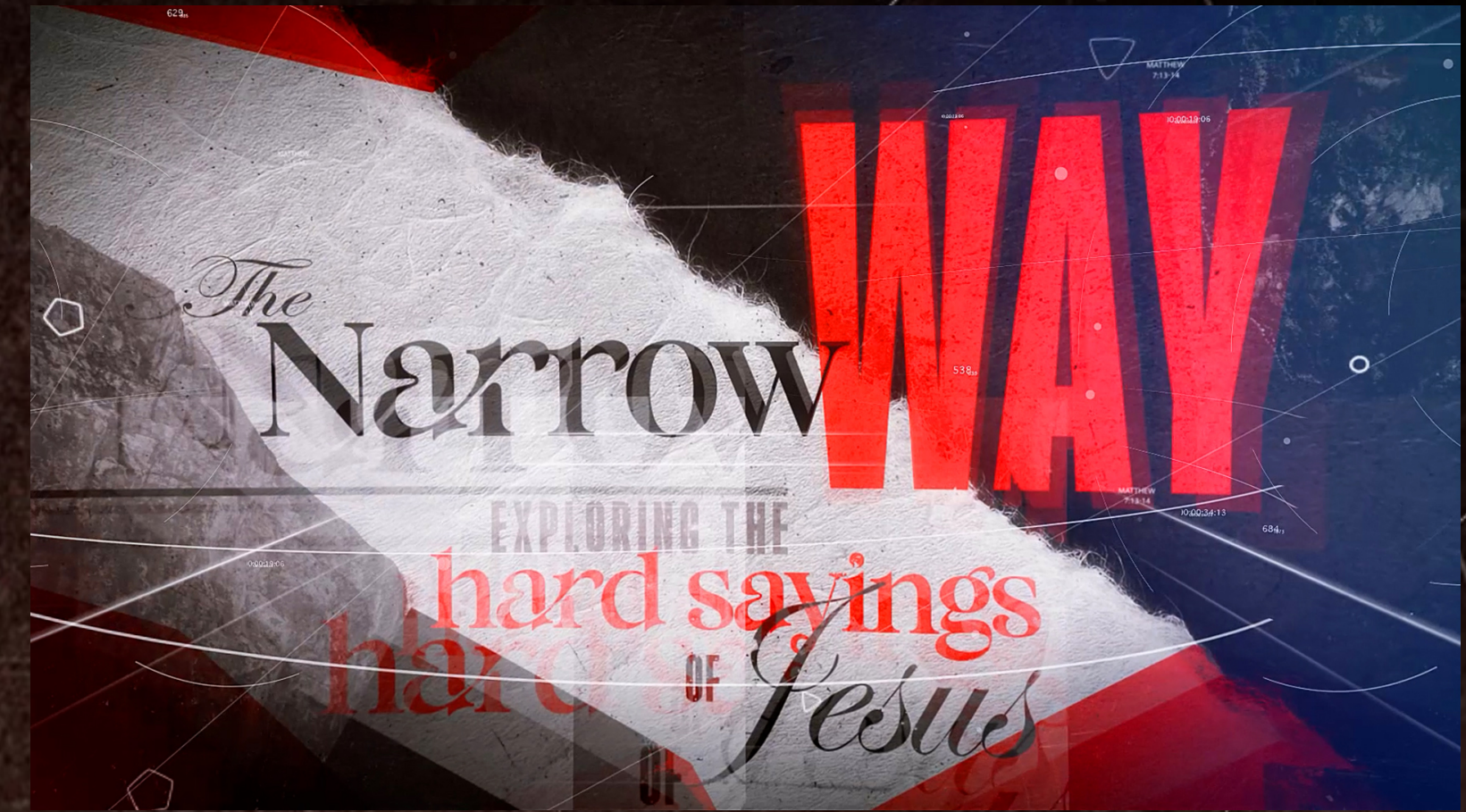


The Narrow Way

Week 2

Depart From Me



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**When Jesus said something outrageous,
typically a reference in the physical world, it
was likely about a Spiritual reality.**

Theme Verse for the Series:

Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Matthew 7:13-14 ESV

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

Matthew 7:21-23 ESV

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

1 John 4:17-18 ESV

1. All Will Give An Account

For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Romans 14:10-12 ESV

2. Who IS Jesus Talking About?

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.

A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

Matthew 7:15-19 ESV

Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1 John 4:1 ESV

The tongue has the power of life and death.

Proverbs 18:21 NIV

And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

Matthew 7:23 ESV

Frenemy – someone who acts like a friend but is actually a rival, competitor, or even an enemy under the surface.

**For false christs and false prophets will arise
and perform great signs and wonders, so as
to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.**

Matthew 24:24 ESV



3. Who Is Jesus NOT Talking About?

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 7:21 ESV

Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

John 6:28-29 ESV

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

John 6:40 ESV

“I never knew you, depart from me.”

Matthew 7:23 ESV

To know – denotes close acquaintance with something. Knowledge based on experiences. Often means personal acquaintance and friendship.

By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

1 John 4:17-18 ESV

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:13 ESV

4. We Should All Evaluate Ourselves

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? —unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

2 Corinthians 13:5 ESV

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