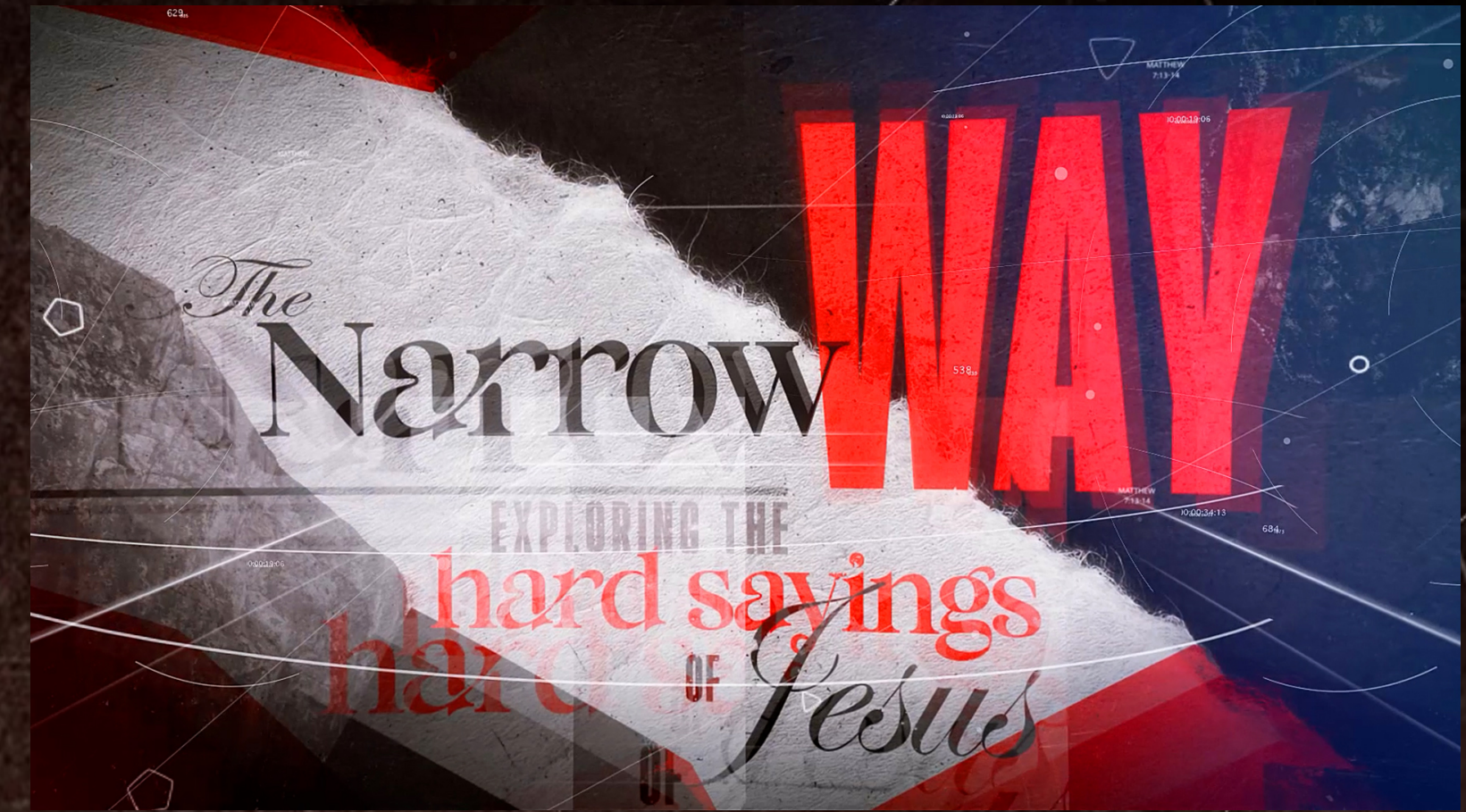


# The Narrow Way

Week 5

The Gospel Brings Disruption



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## 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*



# **Week 5 – The Gospel Brings Disruption**



**“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.**



**And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than Me **is not worthy of Me**, and whoever loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.”**

*Matthew 10:34-37 ESV*



# **An Apparent Contradiction**



**And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”**

*Luke 2:12-14 ESV*



**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon His  
shoulder, and His name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting  
Father, Prince of Peace.**

*Isaiah 9:6 ESV*



**Peace** – *eirene* – harmonious relations  
especially during the absence of war;  
tranquility, freedom from worry.



# **In What Way Did Jesus Come To Bring Peace?**

- **A Position of Peace**
- **An Inner Disposition of Peace**



**Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Romans 5:1 ESV*



...and with your feet fitted with the readiness  
that comes from the **gospel of peace.**

*Ephesians 6:15 NIV*



# In What Way Did Jesus NOT Come To Bring Peace?

For I have come to set a **man against his father**, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

*Matthew 10:35 ESV*



If anyone comes to Me and does not **hate** his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and **even his own life**, he cannot be My disciple.

*Luke 14:26 ESV*



**“So, when Jesus said that He had come to bring ‘not peace but a sword’, He meant that this would be the **effect** of His coming, not that it was the **purpose** of His coming.”**

*F. F. Bruce*



So His brothers said to Him, “Leave here and go to Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works You are doing. For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, **show Yourself to the world.**” For not even His brothers believed in Him.

*John 7:3-5 ESV*



# 1. Put Him Above Everything

Let us **fix our eyes** on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Hebrews 12:2 NIV '84*



## 2. Be Prepared For Disruption

“If the world hates you, know that **it has hated Me** before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but **I chose you out of the world**, therefore the world hates you.”

*John 15:18-19 ESV*



### 3. Radically Pray For Those Who Need Him

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people... This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who **desires all people to be saved** and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

*1 Timothy 2:1, 3-4 ESV*



## 4. Radically Love Those Who Need Him

In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, **always being prepared** to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it **with gentleness and respect.**

*1 Peter 3:15 ESV*



# **Embracing The Gospel Is A Call To:**

- **Put Jesus Above Everything**
- **Be Prepared For Disruption**
- **Radically Pray For Those Who Need Him**
- **Radically Love Those Who Need Him**