

• **Jesus is the Gate ...**

—(John 10:9 NIV84) I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.

• **Jesus is the Road ...**

—(John 14:6 The Message) Jesus said, "I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me."

• **Jesus is the only Name ...**

—(Acts 4:11-12 ESV) This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

• **Jesus is the only Son ...**

—(John 3:16 ESV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

• **Jesus is the life ...**

—(John 1:4 ESV) In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

• **Jesus is the light ...**

—(John 8:12 ESV) Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Jesus Christ ...

Salvation in no one else!

No other name!

No other way!

No other truth!

No other life!

One Way!



Outline: The Narrow Gate Versus the Wide Gate!

(1) Check the gate, 7:13-14.

- Choose the narrow option. Maintain a narrow focus. Do not shy away from the difficult. Be willing to walk with the few.

(2) Don't let anyone lie to you, 7:15-20.

- False teachers are successful because they tell us what we want to hear. They disguise their intentions. They can be identified by the bad fruit they produce.

(3) Don't lie to yourself, 7:21-23.

- *"Many" will assume their beliefs to be true* instead of finding them in the Word of God and assume their religious words and works mean access to the kingdom of heaven. Wrong! Christ declares that he never knew these "many" who did "many" impressive religious works in his name. He identified them as rebels opposed to the will and the law of the Father.

(4) Build on Rock, 7:24-29.

- Be like a wise person or like a fool. Again, our choice. Hear and do (live) the words and build on the Rock. Or only hear, and then do what we want with the words and build on sand. God will bring the storm. We have been warned.

Question: Why is the "easy" way easy and the "hard" way hard?

- The choice is easy versus hard, narrow versus wide, destruction versus life, many versus few. Why would anyone choose destruction over life? Why is the decision for destruction easy, and the decision for life hard? And what is so compelling about the wide way?

Answer: The wide, easy way is our way.

- We don't have to change our minds. We don't have to repent. We can live as we please. And just like Adam and Eve, we are not going to let God tell us what to do.
- The hard way is God's way, and he calls us to repentance (change our minds) for sin.
- In the realm of humans the wide way is very reasonable and rational. On the wide road a person tolerates everything except the exclusive gospel of Jesus Christ as the only Way, the only Truth, the only Life.