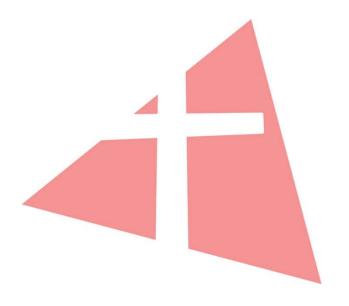
# THE END TIMES: THE NARROW GATE

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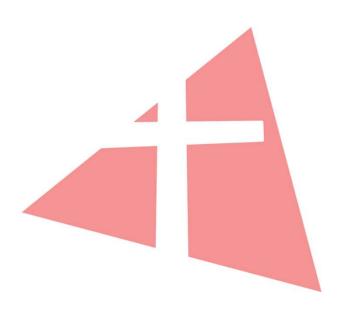
# **OUR SERIES**

- The End Times
- Jesus' final judgement



# **TODAY'S FOCUS**

• The Narrow Gate (Matt. 7)



#### THE NARROW GATE

Matthew 7:13-27 Enter in at the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be who go in there: Because narrow is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you shall know them.

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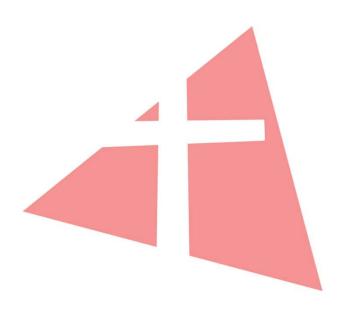
Not every one that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? and in your name have cast out demons? and in your name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him unto a wise man, who built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that hears these sayings of mine, and does them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

# THE WARNING

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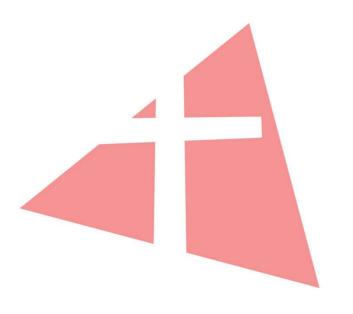
# WHAT IS BROAD AND NARROW PATH?

Jesus is describing a lifestyle of obedience



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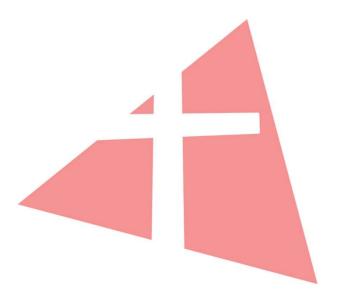
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# **PURPOSE OF FRUITS**

- Protect the seed
- Seed dispersal



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Matthew 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity.

#### Working iniquity

to toil (as a task, occupation, etc.), (by implication) effect, be engaged in or with, etc.:—commit, do, labor for, minister about, trade (by), work.

illegality, i.e. violation of law or (genitive case) wickedness:—iniquity, X transgress(-ion of) the law, unrighteousness.

#### THE LONGTERM RESULT

Matthew 7:24-25 Therefore whosoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him unto a wise man, who built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

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Matthew 7:26-27 And every one that hears these sayings of mine, and does them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

# THE LONGTERM RESULT

Luke 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

# MATT. 7

• This passage gives us some more tools to evaluate ourselves and "examine whether we are in the Faith"

Romans 8:16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: