

The Road Less Traveled

Series: *Jesus Uncut – Sermon on the Mount*
– Matthew 7:13-14 –

1. Two Gates

“Enter through the *NARROW* gate.”

(a) It is a **COMPULSORY** gate.

(b) It is a **PERSONAL** gate.

(c) It is a **RESTRICTIVE** gate.

2. Two Roads

(a) Broad

* The way of **IRRELIGION**

* The way of **RELIGION**

(b) Narrow

3. Two Destinations

(a) Life

(b) Destruction

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. Do Jesus' words sound, to you, more like an ultimatum or a hopeful invitation? Explain
3. What are some reasons there are few who find the narrow way?
4. Is there anything about Jesus' message or His posture toward others that would lead you to conclude that He was being exclusionary?
5. Compare Jesus' words in vss. 13-14 with Paul's in Romans 1:16-25. What parallels do you see?
6. Could it be that all paths lead to the *god* we hope to find? What has your own search turned up? What are you not finding in Jesus that would prompt you to continue to look elsewhere?
7. As you think about these verses, what is “narrow” about the path in life which you have chosen? What makes the narrow road difficult? Rewarding?

