

Narrow and Wide (Matthew 7:13-14)

Introduction

- What can taking the wrong road cost you?
- What is Jesus calling people to do as he comes near the end of the Sermon on the Mount?
- Where is “two roads” imagery used in the Old Testament?
- What do the two roads stand for there?
- What do the two roads stand for here in Matthew 7?
- What question confronts us this morning, then?

i Two destinations

- What is the first destination Jesus mentions here?
- What does that mean?
- What does this destination involve?
- What sorts of things does that include?
- What name do other parts of the Bible give to this destination?
- Is that a popular idea today?
- What is the second destination Jesus mentions here?
- What does I John 5:11 say about this destination?
- And what does John 10:10 say about it?
- What does that mean?
- Is this a popular idea today?
- What do we yearn for inside?

ii Two roads

- What is the road to destruction like?
- What does that mean?
- What is the road to life like?
- What does that mean?
- How many people are on the broad road?
- How did they get there?
- How many people are on the narrow road?
- What does this mean?
- What was Jesus' experience?

Conclusion

- What is the first lesson we need to learn from Jesus' words?
- Is this a popular idea today?
- So what do his words confront us with?
- What is the second lesson we need to learn from Jesus' words?
- What do some people do?
- Is that wise in the context of what Jesus is saying?
- What is true of you if you do not choose to follow the narrow way?
- How do you join the narrow way?
- Will you do that?