

Serious Considerations About Salvation
Matthew 7:13-29

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1. Where is the total journey of your life taking you? When all is said and done, what's your destination? Do you know where your life is headed? Is the way that you are traveling going to lead you to your desired destination?
2. The truth of the matter is that most people never even consider these questions. Their lives are made up of short trips to trivial destinations, but they haven't thought about the eternal end of the road.
3. What is true in life is most true in matters of eternity. Where are you headed in eternity? Where is your life taking you?
4. What does our Lord teach us about distinguishing between our religion and our relationship?

I. More People Will Be Lost Than Saved. Matt. 7:13

- A. Here we apply the principle to begin your journey with your destination.
 1. **John 10:7-10**
- B. Jesus taught that there was a way to destruction. **Matt. 7:13**
 1. Consequently, many enter through it. This is the way of the crowd.
- C. Jesus taught that there is a way that leads to eternal life. **Matt. 7:14**
 1. **John 14:6-7**
 2. **Acts 4:12**

II. Not Everyone Is Going To Be Saved. Matt. 7:21

- A. The very Son of God, who left His home in heaven and came to this earth to die on the cross, admitted that His effort of love and grace would not be accepted by most.
 1. Jesus told the story in Matt. 22 where he concluded, **“For many are invited, but few are chosen.” Matt. 22:14**
- B. You've got to know God through faith before you can be obedient.
 1. **Hebrews 11:6**

III. Some Expecting To Be Saved Will Be Lost. Matt. 7:21-23

- A. The first set of people Jesus describes illustrates the importance of a personal relationship with Him.
- B. You see, doing work for God does not mean that we are doing the will of God.
 1. **Matt. 15:7-9**
 2. **Acts 28:27**

IV. No One Has To Be Lost.

- A. Saddest words any person can ever hear are, “I don't know you.”