

### **Content**

In this, the final sermon in our series on the Sermon on the Mount Jesus concludes His description of life in the kingdom by summing up His teaching on the kingdom of God and the church. As the final verses indicate Jesus taught as one with authority (since He is the King) and not as they were accustomed, the teaching of their scribes. In this final section we will look at two things, (1) A Way to Enter and (2) A Way to Build. Under the first point Jesus gives three dangers or warnings about entering the kingdom. He describes the wide and narrow gates, warns about false prophets, and highlights the danger of even doing great things for him without knowing him personally. He then, in our second point goes on to describe what this means by highlighting the difference between building your house on a foundation of rock or a foundation of sand. The difference is hearing and doing Jesus' words.

### **Gospel Connections**

Paul writes to the Ephesians, ***So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone (Ephesians 2:19-20).*** If we are going to be people who build our house on the rock, that rock must be Christ. And Christ, in taking the judgment of God in our place, became the house that was crushed so that in Him we become the true temple, the true house of God.

### **Application and Discussion Questions**

1. What did you learn from this sermon? Specifically
  - a. What insights did you learn?
  - b. What questions do you have? Are there any areas you don't understand?
  - c. What areas of your life (be specific) do you sense God wants to change as a result of this passage of Scripture?
  
2. What is significant about Jesus' authoritative teaching for His listeners? For you?

3. From this passage what kind of commitment does Jesus require? What are the similarities and differences between the two houses (vv.24-27) and their owner-builders?