**Founded on the Rock**

*Matthew 7:13-29*

1. Difficult is the way (v. 13-14)

* Why so narrow?
  + *“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death” (Proverbs 14:12).*
  + *“And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil” (John 3:19).*
  + People would rather have worldly pleasure than heavenly treasure – 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 2 Thessalonians 2:11-17 (talking about apostasy, and then the sanctified).

1. Disguised wolves (v. 15-20)

* We can know who they are.
* Some are aware of their false teaching – 2 Peter 2:1-3
* Others are unaware – (v. 21-23)
  + Does not make it okay… sincerity is not enough.
    - *“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12)*.

1. Not everyone (v. 21-23)

* *“O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps” (Jeremiah 10:23).*
* Intentions mean nothing if it is not God’s will – Acts 26:9-11

1. Founded on the Rock (v. 24-27)

* Our foundation must be Christ.
  + He is the chief cornerstone which shows us the way.
* We have to dig deep – Luke 6:46-49

**Conclusion**

* (v. 28-29) Jesus teaches with authority (cf. Matthew 28:18).
* We must submit to this authority and obey.
* This is the only way.