

## Matthew Lesson 7

The Gospel According to Matthew -- Chapter 7b:

**Historical background:** In the Gospel according to Matthew, chapters 5, 6 and 7, tell us about Jesus' teachings. Jesus' disciples and others followed him to a mountainside where he taught. Many other people sat and listened. Jesus is teaching his followers what is important in life.

### Vocabulary

- Destruction
- False prophets
- Bears
- "will of my Father"
- miracles
- streams
- foolish
- amazed
- authority

### Questions about Chapter 7

- What do the "narrow" and "wide" gates represent? [verses 13-14]
- There are several comparisons in verses 15 through 20. What do the false prophets look like? Explain why they look that way.
- What will happen to trees that cannot bear good fruit? What do the trees represent? [Verses 17 – 20]
- By what means can a person enter the kingdom of Heaven? [verses 21-23]
- Jesus tells a parable in Verses 24 through 27. What is a parable? What is this parable about?
- What were the crowds amazed by in verses 28 and 29? Why?