

# **Studies in the Life of Christ**

## **NT Survey Lesson 14--Matthew 7**

**Introduction:** As Jesus draws the Sermon on the Mount to a close He deals with two great challenges in dealing with others, hypocritical judgment and indiscriminating judgment. The demands of righteousness leave us gasping in our own insufficiency; Jesus shows us how to receive the help of God through continual searching, seeking and praying. Finally, giving a summary of His message, He closes with warnings of hinderances to obedience and appeals to all to listen to and obey His message.

### **The problem of judging others--Matthew 7:1-6**

1. Is Jesus saying that all judging is wrong or a particular kind of judging? Why?
2. Describe the conduct of the person that Jesus teaches to be wrong in his judging?
3. What course does Jesus command to avoid this kind of judging?
4. Can one be indiscriminate with the gospel? How?

### **The means of attaining the righteousness Jesus requires--Matthew 7: 7-12**

1. What must one do to attain the standards of righteousness taught in this sermon?
2. Is this asking, seeking, knocking a one-time thing?
3. What assurance does Jesus give that God will meet our needs, answer our questions, and provide opportunities for us?
4. As Jesus brings the sermon about righteousness to a close, what rule does He give that summarizes our conduct toward others?

### **Closing appeals--Matthew 7:13-39**

1. Describe the two gates, the two ways, the two destinations, and the two groups.

2. What dangers do disciples face in striving for righteousness? (I.e. of whom must they beware?)
3. How shall disciples know a false prophet or teacher?
4. How shall we distinguish between a true disciple and a pretended disciple? Through miracles that are performed? How?
5. What is the point of the parables of the wise man and the foolish man?
6. What was the reaction to Jesus' sermon? Why?