

NO MIDDLE ROAD

MATTHEW 12

Text: Matthew 12:31

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³¹ Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy *against* the *Holy* Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

Introduction:

1. BELIEVERS OR UNBELIEVERS

(Mark 16:16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

A. Believe and baptized - saved

1. Note, first faith in God
2. After salvation, then baptism

B. Believeth not - damned

1. Christ cannot save against our will
2. Without faith, separated from God

2. BROAD OR NARROW WAY

(Matthew 7:13-14) Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: {14} Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

A. Straight Way - few find it

1. Because it's a hard way
2. Because of the price involved

B. Broad Way - many follow

1. Easy to follow the crowd
2. People not willing to forsake sin

3. JESUS OR DEVIL

(Matthew 6:24) No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

A. Jesus as Master

1. His way is the best way

2. His way is the right way

B. Satan as a Master

1. Satan's way is a hard way

2. Satan's way, a way of sorrow

4. HEAVEN OR HELL

(Revelation 20:11-15) And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. {12} And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. {13} And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. {14} And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. {15} And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

A. Must have name in "Lamb's Book of Life"

B. Name is written there only by salvation

C. You choose between these two places

Remember: There are only two places