



JESUS the MESSIAH

IN THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

A Teaching Messiah

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**Failure to build your life on Jesus leads to
ruin.**

- **2 Builders**
- **A Shared Experience**
- **2 Outcomes**
- **Building on the Rock**

2 Builders

- 2 possible responses to Jesus: Hear what He says and obey it or hear what He says and ignore it
- The foolish builder never stops to consider which foundation will be best for his house
- The story isn't about "good people in here" vs "bad people out there," it's about 2 groups in this room right now
- The distinguishing factor is obedience

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A Shared Experience

- Both houses face storms
- 2 Types of storms:
 1. Final judgment
 2. Storms of this life
- Anyone who says following Jesus will allow you to avoid storms in life is lying to you

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2 Outcomes

- Any foundation other than Jesus can't sustain you through the storms of life
- The outcome of the house reveals the quality of the foundation
 - If a house falls apart when storms hit, it shows it's built on sand, no matter what you thought it was built on
 - These trials are a gift because they let us start rebuilding on Jesus as our foundation

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Building on the Rock

- Jesus' command: Don't just hear what He says, do it
- The problem: Jesus sets a standard for obedience too high for any of us to achieve
- The solution: Look outside ourselves (to Jesus) for the power to obey
- Only trusting in Jesus empowers true progress in obedience

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