

The image shows the spine of an old, thick book with many pages, bound in dark brown leather. The book is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its spine facing right. The pages are aged and yellowed, and the leather shows signs of wear and tear. The background is a dark, solid color, possibly black or dark brown, which makes the book and the text stand out.

# Matthew's Messiah

*The life and ministry of Jesus  
from Matthew's perspective*

13 “Enter through the narrow gate.  
For wide is the gate and broad is the  
road that leads to destruction, and  
many enter through it.

14 But small is the gate and narrow  
the road that leads to life,  
and only a few find it.

<sup>15</sup> “Watch out for false prophets.  
They come to you in sheep’s  
clothing, but inwardly they are  
ferocious wolves. <sup>16</sup> By their fruit you  
will recognize them.

Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

<sup>17</sup> Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

<sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit,  
and a bad tree cannot bear good  
fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear  
good fruit is cut down  
and thrown into the fire.

20 Thus, by their fruit you will  
recognize them.

21 “Not everyone who says to me,  
‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom  
of heaven, but only the one who  
does the will of my Father  
who is in heaven.



22 Many will say to me on that day,  
'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in  
your name and in your name drive  
out demons and in your name  
perform many miracles?'

23 Then I will tell them plainly,  
‘I never knew you.  
Away from me, you evildoers!’