

*Matthew 7:21, 24-29 (Longer Version)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

"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 in heaven.

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them  
will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.  
The rain fell, the floods came,  
and the winds blew and buffeted the house.  
But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock.

And everyone who listens to these words of mine  
but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house  
on sand.  
The rain fell, the floods came,  
and the winds blew and buffeted the house.  
And it collapsed and was completely ruined."

When Jesus finished these words,  
the crowds were astonished at his teaching,  
for he taught them as one having authority,  
and not as their scribes.

The Gospel of the Lord.