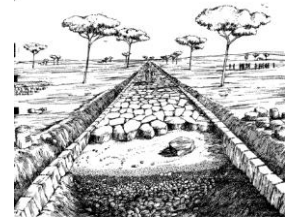


## MEETING JESUS ON THE WAY

The importance of highways  
in history, in the Bible, and in Indiana



Video #1:

### *We Make Our Own Paths in Life*

*Derek* דֶרֶק is the primary Hebrew word for *path, way, road*. Its root means “to \_\_\_\_\_,” and it refers to an ungraded path created by the constant trampling of feet. All ancient roads began this way, and they followed (or avoided) the natural features of the land. (Humans and animals tend to take the easier and safer route whenever they can.)

*This is exactly what happens* when we set directions for and create the paths we follow in our lives! This can be a \_\_\_\_\_ thing; or it can be a \_\_\_\_\_ thing. *But the more you do it, the more natural it seems, and the easier it gets.*

These terms are used \_\_\_\_\_:

- Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> *in all your ways* submit to him, and *he will make your paths straight*.
- Proverbs 4:18 *The path of the righteous* is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. <sup>19</sup> But *the way of the wicked* is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.
- Proverbs 4:25 Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. <sup>26</sup> Give careful thought to *the paths for your feet* and be steadfast in *all your ways*. <sup>27</sup> *Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil*.
- Proverbs 7:25 *Do not let your heart turn to her ways or stray into her paths*. <sup>26</sup> Many are the victims she has brought down; her slain are a mighty throng. <sup>27</sup> *Her house is a highway to the grave*, leading down to the chambers of death.
- Proverbs 15:19 *The way of the sluggard is blocked with thorns, but the path of the upright is a highway*.
- Proverbs 16:17 *The highway of the upright avoids evil*; those who *guard their ways* preserve their lives.
- Isaiah 59:8 *The way of peace* they do not know; there is no justice *in their paths*. They have turned them *into crooked roads*; no one who *walks along them* will know peace.

Jesus compared \_\_\_\_\_ to a road:

- John 14:6 Jesus answered, “*I am the way* and the truth and the life. *No one comes to the Father except through me*.”

These roads represent our ultimate \_\_\_\_\_:

- Matthew 7:13 Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and *broad is the road that leads to destruction*, and many enter through it. <sup>14</sup> But small is the gate and *narrow the road that leads to life*, and only a few find it.

For follow up ...



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