**Set Free by the Narrow Door**

Luke 13:22-35

**Luke 13:22 (ESV)**He went on His way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem.

**Luke 13:23 (ESV)**And someone said to Him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And He said to them,

**Luke 13:24 (ESV)**“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

**Luke 13:25 (ESV)**When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then He will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’

**Luke 13:26 (ESV)**Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’

**Luke 13:27 (ESV)**But He will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from Me, all you workers of evil!’

**Luke 13:28 (ESV)**In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out.

**Luke 13:29 (ESV)**And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.

**Luke 13:30 (ESV)**And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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**Matthew 7:13 (ESV)**“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.

**Matthew 7:14 (ESV)  
“**For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”

**John 14:6 (ESV)**Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

**Acts 16:31 (ESV)**And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

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**Hebrews 4:7 (ESV)**Again He appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.”

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**Matthew 21:43 (ESV)  
“**Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.”

1. **The gift of salvation is free, but costly.**

**Luke 13:31 (ESV)**At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill You.”

**Luke 13:32 (ESV)**And He said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.

**Luke 13:33 (ESV)**Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’

**Luke 13:34 (ESV)**O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

**Luke 13:35 (ESV)**Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see Me until you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ”

**John 1:11-12 (ESV)**He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.