

The Narrow Gate

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In our previous meeting we look at the events on the road to Emmaus. In this meeting we consider another road, or way, what guards it and what it might be like.

SCRIPTURE VERSES

[Matthew 7:13-14](#)

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.

[Luke 13:23-30](#)

²³ Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He said to them, ²⁴ “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵ Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’

“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

²⁶ “Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

²⁷ “But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

²⁸ “There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. ²⁹ People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

[John 14:4-6](#)

⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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DISCUSSION THOUGHTS:

Our first scripture reading from Matthew comes towards the end of the sermon on the mount sandwiched between Judging Others, Ask-Seek-Knock and True-False Prophets, True-False Disciples and Wise-Foolish Builders.

1. What is the gate Jesus is talking about?

- What is the purpose of a gate?
- Why is this gate narrow (or strait - KJV)?
- Why should we enter through this gate?
- What happens if we don't enter through this gate?
- Are there other gates? [John 10](#)

2. What is the way Jesus is talking about?

- What kinds of way are there?
- Is there only one way?

3. Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

- What did He mean by this?

4. In [Acts 4:10-12](#) we are told that "...there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved"

- What does this mean for other faiths?
- What should our response be?