The Narrow Door

Introduction
“I’ve found the narrow way.”

How many will be saved?
The more important question is will you be saved?

I. There is only one way to heaven. Verses 22-24

“Are only a few people going to be saved?”

Popular thought was that all Jews would be saved, except for the very worst people.

“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many will try to enter and not be able to.”

We come to God on his terms and not our own.

“I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All whoever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate, whoever enters through me will be saved.” John 10:7-9

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

II. There is only a limited time to enter. Verses 25-30

Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, that’s it.

Once you die, that’s it.

Our salvation is based on a relationship and not on our works.

If there is no relationship with Jesus, you’ve missed it.

“This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” John 17:3

This is the Messianic Banquet, verses 28-30, and what Jesus says about it is shocking.

Indeed, those who are last (the Gentiles) will be first and the first will be last.
III. Jesus will complete his mission. Verses 31-35

Herod wants to kill him. The Pharisees want to kill him. But Jesus will complete his mission.

Jesus knows he will die in Jerusalem, but it will be at God’s appointed time.

“The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.” John 10:17-18

Then Jesus offers this lament for Jerusalem. Verses 34-35

“Look your house is left to you desolate.” It is a prophesy of what would happen to Jerusalem in A.D. 70 when the Roman army would destroy the city.

“I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord’.

Those who were his disciples would shout it out on Palm Sunday, but not the religious leaders. But that day will come at Christ’s second coming when, “they will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.” Zechariah 12:10

“And on that day, the Lord will be King over the whole earth. On that day, there will be one Lord, and his name the only name.” Zechariah 14:9

Conclusion

There is only one way to heaven.

There is only a limited time.

There is only one Lord.

Will you place your life in his hands?