



"Are there few who will be saved?"

Luke 13:22-32

1. Are there few who are saved?

- **Luke 13:23** Jesus is asked a question. **It's a very important question. Why?** How many people will really choose to repent, put their faith in Jesus and follow Him faithfully?
- **Why this question?** The large crowds and multitudes that started out following Jesus were **not** committed to Him! *The proof is in their actions...not just the crowd!*
- **John 6:66** – "From that time **MANY** of His disciples went back and **walked with Him NO MORE!**" ****No longer walked with Him!****
- **The crowds loved to HEAR and be blessed (Luke 14:25), but not to commit!**
- **His true followers had become a true few! Why?** The teachings of Jesus called for a person to *give up ALL OF THEIR RIGHTS* and to *give their ALL for Him!* Not to just be in the crowd or play church or get the handouts! No, Jesus said to repent, live like Him (**John 2:6**) and do not continue in a sinful lifestyle!
- Jesus' messages actually called out the **HALF-HEARTED** people! **Luke 14:26-33**
- Jesus himself stated that the **ONLY** way is His way...**John 14:6!**
- **Matthew 7:13-15** – There are only 2 doors/ 2 roads...one is **WIDE** and **MANY** choose the **Hwy to Hell!** The other is **NARROW** and only a **FEW** will *find it, stay on it and reach the finish line of Heaven!*
- **Jesus' teaching contradicted the teachings of the Jews in that ALL JEWS except for tax collectors and other notorious sinners, would be saved! This belief was a lie!**
- **Think about this:** Jesus did so many miracles and touching people's lives over a 3 1/3 year period that **John 21:25** says there would not be enough books to contain it all!
- **That's a lot of people!** Yet, after Jesus' resurrection, there were only 120 disciples gathered in the Upper room and 500 in Galilee saw Him. **Where were they?**

A. Strive! Luke 13:24

- **Strive = to struggle against conflict!**
- We know that you can't earn your way to Heaven or work your way to Heaven! You can't save yourself! **Ephesians 2:8-10**

- But, Jesus is telling his disciples here that the struggle is real to keep from going back to the sinful nature and life, the past and the cost of choosing what's right! The world's opposition to the Truth is truly a war! **Why?** Just look at **Isaiah 5:20 / 2 Timothy 3:1-5**

B. I do not know you! Luke 13:25

- **Matthew 7:23** and **Matthew 25:12** shows that no RELATIONSHIP with Jesus ever existed! It was just all head knowledge and people feeling good just about themselves!
- "I gave" and "I sat in the chair" and "I went to that event" and on and on!
- *People can be very deceived in the fact that they actually deceive themselves into thinking that they knew the Master of the house and they did not!* **Luke 13:26**
- But, **Luke 13:27** says that they did not even though they sat right there in church!
- They literally did not do what **James 1:22** says! **Literally!** You have to be obedient!

C. Weeping and gnashing of teeth! Luke 13:28

- Weeping and gnashing of teeth represents the inconsolable grief and unremitting torment and anguish of punishment!
- Jesus actually uses these phrases to describe Hell! **Matthew 13:42** and **50 / Matthew 24:50-51 / Luke 16:23-24** and **28**
- **Jesus spoke many Parables in the 4 Gospels!** But, the Parable of the Rich man and Lazarus in **Luke 16** actually uses NAMES! Pay attention to the fact that Hell is a very real place! It's a PLACE where you will have your memory, can see paradise but never be there, in torment and anguish for eternity, cannot warn others from Hell...its too late!
- Jesus warned of this place in GREAT DETAIL so that people would choose Him and not punishment forever! It comes down to someone's choices!

Closing: They will come from the east and west, north and south! Luke 13:29

- Salvation is bigger than just for the Jewish nation! This is the invitation and prophecy that the invite is for ALL who would turn to God by repenting of their sins, no longer living in those sins or lifestyle, faithfully following and serving Jesus Christ!
- **Romans 3:23 / Romans 6:23 / Romans 10:9-10 / Romans 10:13 / John 1:9 / Psalm 103:12** and **Acts 3:19!** The invitation is still for today!
- **Acts 4:12** – Jesus is the ONLY name in which a person MUST be saved!
- **Luke 13:30** – the Jews thought of themselves FIRST with God and then the Gentiles LAST! **Jesus contradicts their false teaching and thinking** once again, and shows them that they better follow Him or they will be LAST and LOSE OUT!
- What PRIDE to think that they would go to Heaven for eternity and no one else!
- **Sounds a lot like today:** People's PRIDE is keeping them from Jesus Christ, and Jesus says "I do not know you!"
- **Luke 13:31-32** – Jesus finds out about a threat to be killed. What does He do? "Tell that FOX..." / "Today, tomorrow and the third day!" (Jesus told them he had his own time table!) **He was in charge! What a BOLDNESS!**
- **Fox** = "Both crafty and worthless!" Herod is crafty yet will amount to nothing!