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THE KEY... TO THE NARROW DOOR

Luke 13:22-30

- I. **The Setting:** (22) – *Jesus continues teaching on his way to Jerusalem.*
- II. **The Question:** (23) – *“Are only a few people going to be saved?”*
- III. **The Answer:** – *Many will be saved from all over the earth ... but not all. (24-30)*
 - A. It is a narrow entry door — make every effort to enter. (24)
 - B. Not everyone will get through the door. (24)
 - C. Once the door closes ... it will not reopen. (25)
 1. The ‘owner of the house’ needs to know you. (25)
 2. Eating, drinking, and listening to teaching is not enough. (26)
 3. Relationship is the key. (27)
 - D. For those who do not enter: (28)
 1. Weeping (sorrow)
 2. Gnashing of teeth. (anger)
 3. Awareness of what is happening within ... yet remaining without.
 - E. People will enter from all over the world. (29-30)
 1. Entry not a birthright.
 2. There will be a new order (first/last – last/first)
- IV. **The Application:** *What lessons do we learn from...*
 - A. ... the door – *We must enter the narrow door.*
 - B. ... the relationship – *We must know God.*
 - C. ... false security – *Church membership is not enough.*

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The Call to Worship
*Hymn *People of God*

With our lips, Let us sing one confession
With our hearts, Hold to one truth alone
For He has erased our transgression
Claimed us and called us His own – His very own

Refrain

We're the people of God – Called by His name
Called from the dark – And delivered from shame
One holy race saints ev'ryone
Because of the blood – Of Christ Jesus the Son
(repeat refrain)

*Invocation
The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin
Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he
rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Reading Luke 13:22-30

²² Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he

made his way to Jerusalem. 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.”

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The Setting ... The Question

*Hymn No. 304 *Lift High the Cross (vs. 1, 3-5)*

Refrain:

*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

Come, Christian follow where our Savior trod
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God
Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,

Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted - On the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised - Draw the world to Thee.
*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

Set up Thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.
*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

For Thy blest Cross which doth for all atone
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne
*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

Offering of Thanks and Praise

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Hymn No. 574 *If My People's Hearts Are Humbled* (v. 1)

If My people's hearts are humbled, If they pray and seek My face,
If they turn away from evil, I will not with-hold My grace.
I will hear their prayers from heaven; I will pardon every sin.
If My people's hearts are humbled, I will surely heal their land.

Sermon Applied

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction No. 571 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* (vs. 4)

Our father's God, to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing:

Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by Thy might, great God, our King!

*Postlude