

Obeying the Commands of Jesus #5: Enter through the Narrow Door 8/1

*“Make every effort to enter through the **narrow** door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But **small** is the gate and **narrow** the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” (Luke 13:34; Matt 7: 13-14)*

Q1: Does this mean salvation is difficult or hard to obtain?

Q2: Does this mean there will not be many people in heaven?

Q3: Why does Jesus have to be the only way?

“Jesus said to him, I am the **way**, the **truth**, and the **life**: no man comes to the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)

Way:

Truth:

Life:

Now this is eternal life: that they **know you**, the only **true God**, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)

Fullfilled Prophecies on Jesus

The Lineage and Birth of Jesus Foretold

Prophecy	Old Testament Reference	New Testament Fulfillment
Seed of a woman	Genesis 3:14-15	Galatians 4:4
From the Tribe of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Luke 3:33
Descendant of Abraham, Issac and Jacob	Genesis 12:3, 17:17-19; Numbers 24:17	Matthew 1:1-2,16; Luke 3:34, 38
Heir to the Throne of David	Isaiah 9:6-7	Luke 1:32
Anointed and Eternal	Psalms 45:6-7	Hebrews 1:8-10
Jesus to be born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Luke 2:4-7
The time of Jesus' birth	Daniel 9:24-25	Luke 2:1-5
Christ to be born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:13-14	Luke 1:26-28, 30-31
Lamentation for the killing of infants	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16-18
To be called out of Egypt	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:13-15

Preparation for and Ministry of Jesus

Prophecy	Old Testament Reference	New Testament Fulfillment
The way of the Lord prepared	Isaiah 40:3-4	Luke 3:2-5
A messenger to come before the Lord	Malachi 3:1	Luke 7:24-27
A prophet would be raised up	Deuteronomy 18:15	Acts 3:19-20, 22
Declared to be a Son of God	Psalms 2:7	Matthew 3:13-17
Ministry centered in Galilee	Isaiah 9:1-2	Matthew 4:12-16
Jesus Christ would speak in parables	Psalms 78:1-2	Matthew 13:34-35
Jesus to bind up and heal the brokenhearted	Isaiah 61:1-3	Luke 4:17-21
A Priest after the order of Melchizedek	Psalms 110:1,4	Hebrews 5:5-6
Despised, rejected and not believed, especially by the Jews	Isaiah 53:1-4	John 1:11, 12:37-40; Luke 23:16-18
Hated without reason	Psalms 35:19	John 15:24
Triumphal entry in Jerusalem	Zechariah 9:9	Mark 11:7-11
Praised by the mouth of babes	Psalms 8:1-2	Matthew 21:15-16
The Messiah would be cut off, but not for himself	Daniel 9:25-27	John 11:49-52

I. Questions for consideration:

1. Why is Jesus the only way to God? Why is Christianity the only right way? What about other religions? How do I know they aren't right? All religions are the same, aren't they?
2. Why do you think people resist the truth when the Bible is so clear? Romans 1: 21-25 What two things prevent one from becoming a fool?
3. How do we know that the Bible is the Word from the Almighty God? What evidence do we have from general and special revelation?
4. Does science contradict the Bible? How would you define science?
5. According to John 3:36, what are we saved from? According to I John 4:18, what kind of fear is cast out? Is God a wrathful God?
6. Have you been substituting religious activity for your love for God? Why is it easy to fall into this trap? What hinders authenticity?
7. Has there been a time when the Spirit of God has been directing you and you have refused to follow His leading? Why would anyone NOT want to follow something that is going to help them grow?
8. What changes will you make this week as a result of this passage?
9. What steps are you going to take to see these changes happen?
10. Pray for specific growth in any area of beliefs, virtues, or practices of your Christian faith.

MFUGE 2021 THEME OVERVIEW The relationship between God and humanity was broken by our sin, but Christ has made restoration possible. When we experience his forgiveness and restoration, we can draw near to God, enjoy fellowship and relationship with Him, and experience His ultimate peace and rest. In our culture, we have so many things grabbing our attention such as our phones, devices, social media and social expectations. Along with the pressures of school and other activities, we often find ourselves overwhelmed, drained and feeling empty. Join us for FUGE Camps 2021 as we discover how to dwell with God, rest in His presence, push past distractions and focus on His peace. Spending time with the Lord changes everything!

DAY 1: **REFUGE** In the middle of difficult and overwhelming times, Christ's followers can trust God to carry us through even the darkest of days and to guide our future. He is our Refuge. Life Question: Where do you turn when life gets tough? Scriptures: Psalm 46:1-3, Mark 4:35-41 Key Verse: Psalm 46:1

DAY 2: **WITH US** Living in a broken world, we often find ourselves searching for community and peace. When we know Christ, we can rest knowing that God is with us always, even in the midst of the chaos. He is for us and with us. Life Question: How does your brokenness isolate you and keep you from dwelling with God? Scripture: Psalm 46: 4-7, John 4:1-30 Key Verse: Psalm 46:7

DAY 3: **FAITHFUL** Personal circumstances never exceed God's power and faithfulness. Remembering how God has provided in the past gives courage for the future. He is faithful. Life Question: How has God shown His faithfulness in your life and how does that give you future assurance. Scripture: Psalm 46:8-9, John 11:38-44 Key Verse: Psalm 46:8a

DAY 4: **REST** Stop looking around for all the ways to find your purpose. Be still and seek Him. He is our rest. Life Question: What do you need to stop doing and turn over to God in order to find peace and rest? Scripture: Psalm 46:10-11, Luke 10:38-42 Key Verse: Psalm 46:10