

“WILL YOU FIT THROUGH THE DOOR?”

(Luke 13:22-30)

INTRODUCTION: *We have all asked this question in one way or another . . .*

I. A SIMPLE BUT IMPORTANT QUESTION:

How many people will be saved?” (v.23)

- A. This is a question many of us have asked . . .
- B. Jesus answers us individually

II. A DETAILED BUT DIRECT ANSWER (vv. 24-28)

- A. There is ‘a narrow door’ says Jesus
- B. This door is only entered by repentance and faith
 - + Consider: *Alice in Wonderland* & the impassable door
- C. Can you fit through that narrow door? (Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:23)
- D. Jesus has a warning for the unrighteous & the self-righteous (vv. 24-26)

III. SOME CRUCIAL AND ETERNAL PROMISES (vv. 24-26)

- A. *People will come from east, west, north, south*
 - God’s mercy invites all! (v. 29)
- B. *The first will be last, the last will be first*
 - God’s mercy includes the least likely (v.30)

CONCLUSION: *Standing on the Chief’s “fine mat” . . .*

