

Year C - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 13:22-30

They will come from east and west to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.



As Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem,
he taught the people in the towns and villages.

Someone asked him,

“Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

Jesus answered:

Do all you can to go in by the narrow door!

A lot of people will try to get in,
but will not be able to.

Once the owner of the house gets up and locks the door,
you will be left standing outside.

You will knock on the door and say,
“Sir, open the door for us!”

But the owner will answer,

“I don't know a thing about you!”

Then you will start saying,

“We dined with you, and you taught in our streets.”

But he will say,

“I really don't know who you are!

Get away from me, you evil people!”

Then when you have been thrown outside,
you will weep and grit your teeth

because you will see Abraham, Isaac,
and all the prophets in God's kingdom.

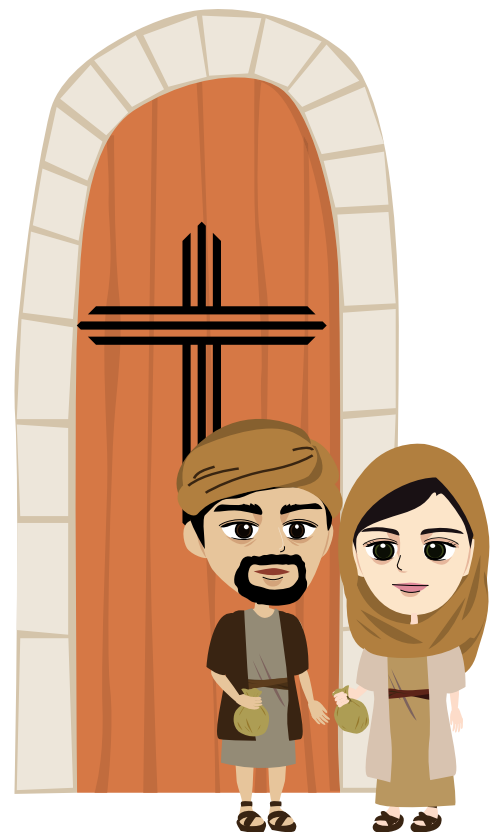
People will come from all directions

and sit down to feast in God's kingdom.

There the ones who are now least important
will be the most important,

and those who are now most important
will be least important.

*Sir,
open the door
for us!*



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If we choose to follow Jesus in our words and actions, God will welcome us at the gates of heaven.

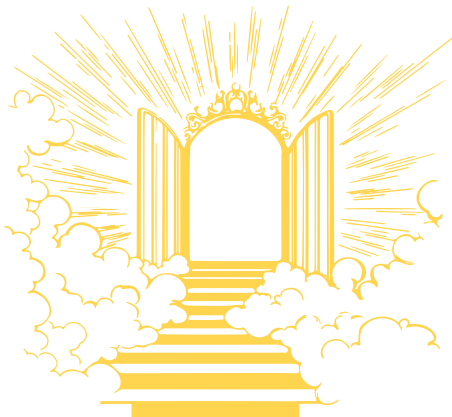


Introduction

- In today's gospel, Jesus speaks of the people who will sit down to feast in God's kingdom: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, prophets, people from all directions - people who choose to follow Jesus in their words and actions. They will knock at the door, Jesus will recognise them and open the door for them.

Message

- One day someone asked Jesus who will be saved and able to go to heaven



- Jesus' answer was that we enter through the narrow door. You have to squeeze through a narrow door and you can't carry anything with you. This means we must love God more than anything
- Jesus said the door to heaven is a narrow door. Many people will try to get in but one day it will be too late - the door will be locked
- It is important to listen to and follow Jesus now, not waste our time living a life away from Jesus
- The way to know God is to ask Jesus into your heart and life
- Jesus explained that people from all over the world will pass through the narrow door to heaven. Some who think they are important will not find their way to heaven, and some who are not considered important on earth will join in the feast in God's kingdom
- Our relationship with Jesus is the key to passing through the narrow door
- If we put our faith and trust in Jesus, we won't be left outside knocking and crying, "Let me in."

Discussion

- What did Jesus say the door is like?
- I wonder where the door is?
- I wonder who and what is on the other side of the door?
- I wonder what you have to do to be able to enter the door?
- I wonder what you can bring with you if you are going through a narrow door?