

Will Few Be Saved?

Luke 13:22-30

What if odds-makers got into the business of predicting people's eternal destinies? This question could be worded another way: "Will few be *lost*?" or "Will *many* be saved?" Why do you suppose the questioner framed his question the way he did? In this area, there is probably a vast difference between perception and reality. If you were to take a straw poll to determine where people plan on spending eternity, what would the results look like?

I. What Jesus does *not* say

- A. He doesn't give a statistical answer
- B. Based on past history, the vast majority seem to find a way to get on the losing end
 - 1. How many were saved in the Great Flood? Eight
 - 2. How many were saved from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah? Three
 - 3. Out of 603,550 Israelite fighting men over the age of 20, how many from that generation entered into the Promised Land? Two
- C. Definition of "insanity": doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results! Human beings have a long track record of spiritual insanity.

II. What Jesus does say

- A. Instead of throwing out percentages or raw numbers, what does Jesus do? He issues a challenge: "*Strive to enter through the narrow door*" (24).
 - 1. He protects us from information we cannot handle.
 - 2. He provides us with information that is totally useful.
- B. He then proceeds to give us glimpses of what will happen on Judgment Day (5 things).
 - 1. "Many" will be lost – 24
 - 2. False expectations will be shattered – 25
 - 3. People who thought they knew the Lord will be unrecognized – 26-27
 - 4. Finally, those same people will be banished – 27-28
 - 5. Common expectations will be totally overturned – 29-30

III. What can we do about it?

- A. Make sure you are on the right path – 2 Peter 1:10-11; Matt. 7:21-27
- B. Help others find the way – I Cor. 9:19, 22
- C. Make it a top priority
- D. Heaven will be a great place for two reasons:
 - 1. Who we get to spend it with – 28
 - 2. What we will do – 29
- E. Don't miss it for the world!