

THE NARROW GATE



Matthew 7



- **13** “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. **14** But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

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• ASSUMPTION



• **VERY DIFFICULT
TO ENTER INTO
LIFE**

• **MANY WILL
NOT BE SAVED**

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Zechariah 8

- 20 This is what the LORD Almighty says: “Many peoples and the inhabitants of many cities will yet come, 21 and the inhabitants of one city will go to another and say, ‘Let us go at once to entreat the LORD and seek the LORD Almighty. I myself am going.’ 22 And many peoples and powerful nations will come to Jerusalem to seek the LORD Almighty and to entreat him.”

John 12

- **32** And I, when I am lifted up^g from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” **33** He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

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How do we understand Matthew 7?

- This is a “warning” passage.
- Warning passages are given to prevent the negative outcome from occurring.

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GOD'S INTENTION

- **2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.
- **John 3:16** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

- IS IT “HARD” TO BE SAVED?

- IT IS ACTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE!!

- [Eph](#) 2: [8](#) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— [9](#) not by works, so that no one can boast.

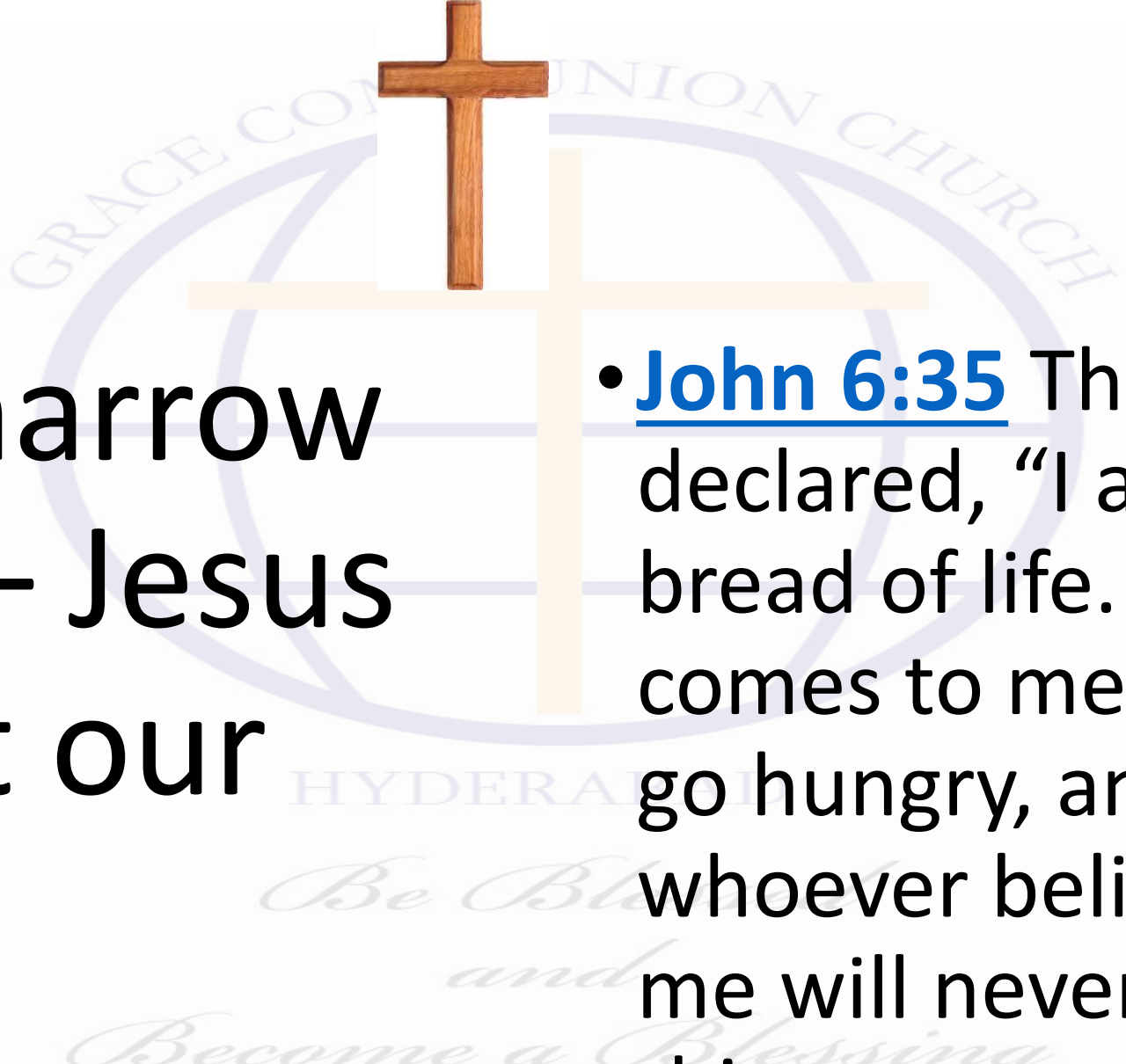
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Understanding Matthew 7

- It's a warning passage
- It indicates that every body have choices to make
- It is difficult / impossible to live a righteous life in this world corrupted by sin.
- What is our hope then? – the “narrow gate.”
- What is the “narrow gate?”

The narrow gate

- **John 10:7** Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. **8** All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. **9** I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.



• The narrow
gate – Jesus
Christ our
Lord.

• [John 6:35](#) Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

