

Introduction:

I. The Context and Significance of our Passage...

A. Jesus taught with Authority... John 14:6; 12:48

B. His Focus has been upon true righteousness...

C. Jesus is giving us a critical conclusion to His sermon—"A Gospel Appeal..."

1. There are only two options...
2. Decide correctly, *Proverbs 14:12*

II. An Imperative to Enter the Narrow Gate Explained...

A. You must Enter...

B. The Christian life has a definite beginning...

C. It Requires Decisive, Urgent and Immediate action...

- Lessons:**
1. Don't take becoming a Christian lightly... *Deuteronomy 30:19; Joshua 24:15; Jeremiah 21:8; I Kings 18: 21*
 2. There is responsibility to believe... *John 5:39-40; 1:11-12*
 3. If you are ever to be saved you must enter "the narrow gate..." *John 10:7, 9; 6:35; 14:6; Acts 4:12*
 4. Don't trust in yourself... *Luke 18:9 cf. Matthew 23:28*
Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:10
- D. Nothing is Easier Than Entering the Wide Gate—and the Easy Way...**

III. A Pastoral Concern Expressed...

A. There is a Sense that Coming to Christ is easy...

B. The Way is "hard..." *Matthew 10:38-39; 16:24-25; Acts 14:21-22...*

C. Few Find it... *Luke 13:22-24*

Lesson: **Take this imperative of Jesus to heart...** *Jeremiah 29:13; Deuteronomy 4:29*

Application: