

**SERMON NOTES**  
February 28, 2010  
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**THROUGH OPEN DOORS**

Luke 13:22-30

"I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved."

(John 10:9a NASB)

"See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut."

(Revelation 3:8)

Dwindling crowds in a dangerous time.

Majestic courage of Christ

Are "just a few" being saved?

- **A narrow Door** (v. 24)

"You must be born again." (John 3:7)

"Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith." (2 Corinthians 13:5)

- **A demanding door** (v. 24)

- **A shut door** (v. 25)

"A man who hardens his neck after much reproof will suddenly be broken beyond remedy." (Proverbs 29:1)

- **An Open Door** (v. 34-35)

## Scripture for today's sermon:

### Luke 13:22-30

<sup>22</sup>Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"

He said to them, <sup>24</sup>"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.

<sup>25</sup>Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.'

"But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'

<sup>26</sup>"Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'

<sup>27</sup>"But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!'

<sup>28</sup>"There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. <sup>29</sup>People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last."