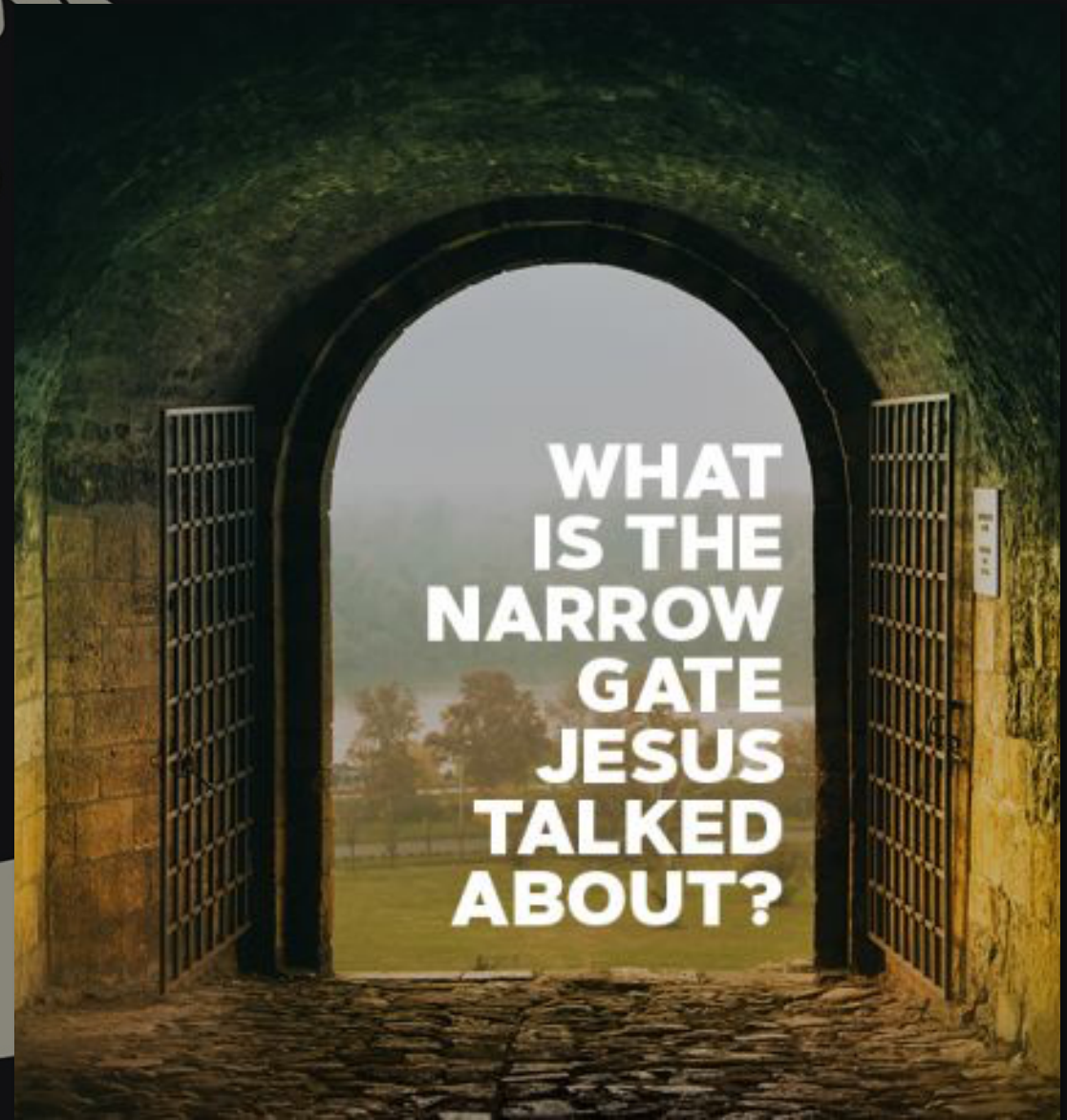




# CHOOSING JUDAS

# BIG TABLE, NARROW GATE



**WHAT  
IS THE  
NARROW  
GATE  
JESUS  
TALKED  
ABOUT?**

# HE KNOWS OUR HEARTS

- JESUS DIDN'T SIMPLY "ALLOW" JUDAS TO BE A PART OF THE 12, HE CHOSE JUDAS.
- JESUS WASN'T BLINDSIDED BY JUDAS' BETRAYAL; HE KNEW IT WAS COMING.
- JESUS WASN'T VICTIMIZED BY JUDAS, HE ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE BETRAYED.
- JESUS KNEW ALL ALONG WHAT WAS IN JUDAS' HEART, AND STILL WELCOMED HIM.

I AM THE THORN IN YOUR CROWN,  
BUT YOU LOVE ME ANYWAY.  
I AM THE SWEAT FROM YOUR BROW,  
BUT YOU LOVE ME ANYWAY.  
I AM THE NAIL IN YOUR WRIST,  
BUT YOU LOVE ME ANYWAY.  
I AM JUDAS' KISS,  
BUT YOU LOVE ME ANYWAY.

# THE INNER BATTLE



“For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander. These are what defile you.”

Matthew 15:19-20

# BETRAYAL



**Jesus Knew...  
But Judas Ate Too.**

# FATAL FLAW



For godly grief produces a  
repentance that leads to  
**SALVATION WITHOUT REGRET,**



whereas worldly grief  
**PRODUCES DEATH.**



**2 CORINTHIANS 7:10**

**HOW COOL WOULD IT HAVE BEEN IF  
JESUS, AFTER HIS RESURRECTION,  
FORGAVE A REPENTANT JUDAS?**

# TAKE IT HOME:

OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR STILL FED JUDAS KNOWING THAT HE WOULD BETRAY HIM. WOULD YOU FEED YOUR JUDAS?

THE TRUTH IS, THAT A LITTLE BIT OF JUDAS LIVES IN EACH OF US:

- PART OF THE FALLEN HUMAN CONDITION IS THAT WE OFTEN ELEVATE IDEALS OVER JESUS.
- WE SELL OUT JESUS FOR MOMENTARY PLEASURES AND SELFISH GAINS ALL OF THE TIME.

“GOD’S FAITHFULNESS IS STRONGER THAN OUR FAITHLESSNESS & OUR INFIDELITIES.”

WE WANT TO IMITATE JESUS IN HIS LONG-SUFFERING PATIENCE AND LOVE FOR OTHERS. THE SAME GRACE THAT JESUS SHOWS US, WE SHOW TO OTHERS, HOPING THAT ONE DAY THE SEEDS OF THE GOSPEL WILL TAKE ROOT, & BEAR FRUIT!

LIKE THE PARABLE OF THE SOILS, WE EXTEND THE INVITATION TO EVERYONE, HOPING THAT THE BIG TABLE OF GRACE WOULD LEAD SOME TO THE NARROW DOOR OF REPENTANCE THAT LEADS TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.