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- Luke 13:22-30 – The Lord affirms few will be saved.
- Further cemented by scripture

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- Matthew 7:13-14 *"Enter ye in by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many are they that enter in thereby. For narrow is the gate and straightened the way, that leadeth unto life, and **few** are they that find it."*

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- Matthew 7:21-23 *"Not everyone that saith unto Me, 'Lord, Lord' shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works?' And then I will profess unto them, 'I never knew you: depart from Me, you that work iniquity.'"*

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- Matthew 20:16 *"So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but **few** are chosen."* NKJV
- Few will be saved!

Why?

- 1) **Refusal to repent** – Acts 17:31
 - a) John the Baptist – Luke 3:8
 - b) Lord – Luke 13:3
 - c) Paul – Acts 26:20
 Few will be saved because few are willing to change!

Why?

2) **Hardness of Heart** – Mt. 13:14-15

- a) Man – Exodus 8:15, 32; 9:7, 35
- b) God – Exodus 10:20, 27

There are many biblical examples of hardness of heart.

Why?

Biblical Examples:

- 1) Saul – Acts 7:51
- 2) Jews desired to kill Lazarus – John 12:10-11
- 3) Pharaoh – Exodus 5:2

These refused to hear and heed.

Why?

3) **Man's Wisdom** – 1 Corinthians 1:18-30

- Man believes the plan to be foolish
- Man did not know God, due to his own wisdom
- Man discounts divine nature and power.
- Cf. James 3:17 – Opposite of man.

Why?

4) **Unbelief** – Heb 11:6

- God requires belief - Hebrews 11:1, 6; John 3:16, 8:24
- Necessary to our salvation – Romans 10:9-10
- Some were in danger due to unbelief – Hebrews 3:19ff

Why?

5) **Desire to believe a lie** – Romans 1:25

- John 3:19-20 *"And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. For everyone that doeth evil hateth the light and cometh not to the light, lest his works should be reproved."*

Why?

6) **Lack of knowledge** – Hosea 4:6

- This issue plagued many generations of God's people
- OT – Israel (Judges 2:10-11)
- NT – Apollos (Acts 18:25-26), Sadducees (Matthew 22:29)

Why?

- 7) **Few willing to sacrifice** – Matthew 10:34-37
- Family ties – Matthew 19:29
 - Rich young ruler unwilling – Matthew 19:16-22
 - Paul gave up all – Philippians 3:3-7; Galatians 2:20

Why?

- 8) **Man's choice** – Romans 6:16-18
- Joshua challenged – Joshua 24:15
 - Lord invited all – Matthew 11:28-30
 - Paul taught *all* to repent – Acts 17:31
 - God extends the gospel to *all* – Revelation 22:17; I Timothy 2:4

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What about you? Are you among the many, or the few? Only you can make that determination! No one can do that for you.