No Salvation by Association: Who Will Be Saved?

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Notice Jesus' Shocking statements about who is saved.

- 1. Many people seeking salvation will **not be saved** (v.22-25).
 - a. Finding the doorway to salvation is **not easy** -(v.24).
 - b. Selecting the doorway is narrowed to **one choice** The narrow gate; the only gate (v.24).
 - c. Closing the doorway is subject to the <u>Master's timing</u> The Master will shut the door (v.25)
 - d. Entering the doorway is based on being **known** by the Master "I do not know you!" (v.25,27)
- 2. Many religious people are **mistaken** about their salvation (v.26-28).
 - a. We are not saved by **association** "we ate together" (v.26).
 - b. We are not saved by **education** "we heard you teach" (v.26).
 - c. We are not saved by **family inheritance** even if descendants of Abraham (v.28).
- 3. Many people will shocked by the realities of **eternity** (v.29-30).
 - a. There will be shock over **who is saved**.
 - b. There will be shock over the **punishment declared**.
- 4. Jesus still holds the **door open**. V.31-35
 - a. Jesus has a heart of compassion even for those that <u>reject</u> Him. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! V.34
 - b. Jesus will receive us sinners, to himself like a **mother hen** does her chicks. V.34
 - c. We must **answer** the call. V.34b "you were not willing!"
 - d. The saddest words ever heard are **depart** (v.27) and **desolation** (v.35).

To finish up:

- There is a **narrow doorway** to Heaven. His name is Jesus.
- There is <u>limited time</u> before the door is shut. We're not in charge of the timing.
- You must come to Jesus before <u>it is too late</u>.