Enter By The Narrow Gate

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[0:00] The 4th of June. Enter by the narrow gate. Jesus said, Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction.

For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life. Matthew chapter 7, verse 13 to 14. Not many politicians will stand for election on a program offering the electors blood, sweat and tears.

People don't want that. They want a program of good things to make them happy and put them at ease. Jesus Christ pictures life in two ways, like two different roads.

And we have to make a choice as to which one we will travel on. There is an easy road. It is broad, easy to find, and you can take as much luggage as you like, such as being self-centered and leaving God out of your life.

It seems a free-living, carefree road, but it turns out to be a dead end, a highway to hell. New Living Translation, verse 14.

[1:14] The other way Jesus mentions may well turn out to be a blood, sweat and tears path, because people who want to travel on it are often looked down on and persecuted by those on the broad road.

But Jesus advises us to get off that broad way as soon as we can. Enter the narrow gate, he says. Yes, it's a narrow gate, so you have to travel light.

No baggage, only a basket of good fruit. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians chapter 6, verses 22 to 23. That way may be tough, but Jesus will travel with you. And it is the way of life, a full life, and a life which will never end.

It is life in Jesus. And a prayer. Dear Lord, lead me through the narrow gate in your company. Amen.

[2:18] Amen. Thank you.