

## Not Everyone

<p>MAT 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. MAT 7:22 "Many will say to Me on that day [the Judgment Day], 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' MAT 7:23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.</p>	<p>LUK 6:46 "And why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?</p>
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### Hard Saying Of Jesus

1. These words are among the hard sayings of Jesus.
2. These words spoken by Jesus from the Mount are easy in some ways and hard in other ways to understand.
3. It is clear from scripture that not all men will be saved.
4. Jesus taught, earlier in this chapter, that the majority of mankind would be lost. (Matt. 7:13, 14).

MAT 7:13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and **many** are those who enter by it.

MAT 7:14 "For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and **few** are those who find it.

- a. "Few" is used in a comparative sense.
- b. Only a "few" compared to the masses will be saved.
- c. The "few" over the centuries becomes a great multitude. (Rev. 7:9).

REV 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, **a great multitude, which no one could count**, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands;

- d. Matthew 8:11 also confirms that not just a hand full will be saved.

MAT 8:11 "And I say to you, that **many** shall come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven;

### Here Jesus Tell Us

1. We can come to God only through Christ (Jn. 14:6), but it is not enough to call Jesus "Lord."

2. Lord is used in Matthew in 4 different ways.

a. It is used to render “Yahweh” the name of the God of Israel and the Creator of the universe. (Matt. 2:15; 22:44).

MAT 2:15 and was there until the death of Herod, that what was spoken by **the Lord** through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "Out of Egypt did I call My Son."

MAT 22:44 '**The Lord** [God] said to my Lord [Christ], "Sit at My right hand, Until I put Thine enemies beneath Thy feet"?'

b. It is used as a polite address meaning no more than “Sir.” (Matt. 21:29; 27:63).

#### **Father of the Son Who Did Not Repent**

MAT 21:29 "And he answered and said, 'I will, sir'; and he did not go.

#### **Pharisees Addressing Pilate**

MAT 27:63 and said, "Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I am to rise again.'

c. It is used to mean “master” in the sense the slave addresses his owner as “Lord”. (Matt. 6:24; 13:27; 25:24).

MAT 6:24 "No one can serve two masters [lords]; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

MAT 13:27 "And the slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir [lord], did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'

d. It is used to refer to Jesus as Divine, the Divine Ruler. (Matt. 7:21; Lk. 6:46). See 1 Cor. 12:3; Phil. 2:11.

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1CO 12:3 Therefore I make known to you, that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

PHI 2:11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

3 Jesus insists that one must do the will of God to be saved.

a. The “will of My Father” and the will of Christ are the same. See Matt. 12:46-50; 21:31; Jn. 4:34; 5:30.

b. Jesus only taught what He was commanded by the Father.

c. Jesus elsewhere stressed the importance of keeping His commandments. (Matt. 7:24-27; Lk. 6:46; Jn. 14:15; 15:14).

d. The New Testament writers also emphasize the importance of obedience. (Heb. 5:9; 1 Jn. 2:3-5).

3. Those who do the will of God will enter the kingdom of heaven.

- a. "The kingdom of heaven" refers to the heavenly kingdom where God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the angels, and the redeemed dwell.
- b. This means that those who do their own will not be saved, and clearly refutes universalism.
  - 1) This doctrine makes the death of Jesus futile and unnecessary.
  - 2) This doctrine negates the justice of God, and the law of sowing and reaping. (Ga. 6:7,8).
- c. This means that those who do the will of others will not be saved.
- d. This means that even some who claim they have prophesied in His name, cast out demons, and do many mighty works will not be saved. Working a miracle is not a sign of authentic discipleship without obedience.
  - 1) **Some might falsely make these claims.** They are the wolves in sheep clothing. (Matt. 7:15). Their "sheep' clothing" might fool men, but not Jesus.
    - a) See Matt. 24:11, 24; 2 Cor. 11:15.

MAT 24:11 "And many false prophets will arise, and will mislead many.

MAT 24:24 "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

2CO 11:15 Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds.

- b) Both the Old Testament and the New Testament reckon the possibility of wonders done apart from God. (Exod. 8:7; Deut. 13:1-3; Matt. 24:24; 2 Thess. 2:9).

EXO 8:7 And the magicians did the same with their secret arts, making frogs come up on the land of Egypt.

DEU 13:1 "If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder,  
 DEU 13:2 and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, ' Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,'

DEU 13:3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God is testing you to find out if you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

2TH 2:9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,

- 2) **Some might rightly make these claims, but their unfaithfulness condemns.**

## Questions

1. Is it possible for an inspired teacher to be lost?
2. Is it possible for a miracle worker who has cast out demons and done other mighty works to be lost?

## Answer

1. The answer is evidently yes.

2. Being inspired by the Holy Spirit or even doing miracles did not guarantee one could not fall.

a. Paul was a worker of miracles. (2 Cor. 12:11,12).

2CO 12:11 I have become foolish; you yourselves compelled me. Actually I should have been commended by you, for in no respect was I inferior to the most eminent apostles, even though I am a nobody.

2CO 12:12 The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.

b. He spoke by revelation of Jesus Christ. (Gal. 1:11, 12).

GAL 1:11 For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.

GAL 1:12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

c. He still believed he could be lost. (1 Cor. 9:27).

d. Those at Corinth had spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:8-10), but this did not mean they could not fall away. (1 Cor. 10:12).

1CO 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

e. **Judas had miraculous power.**

MAT 10:1 And having summoned His twelve disciples, **He gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.**

MAT 10:2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

MAT 10:3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-gatherer; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;

MAT 10:4 Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him.

1) Judas was **a thief.**

JOH 12:6 Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.

2) He later **betrayed Jesus.**

MAT 26:15 and said, "What are you willing to give me to deliver Him up to you?" And they weighed out to him thirty pieces of silver.

3) Jesus said it would **be better if he had never been born.**

MAT 26:24 "The Son of Man is to go, just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

MAR 14:21 "For the Son of Man is to go, just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

4) It is clear that Judas had not done the will of God.

- 5) He may have done the will of God at times, but his own greed guided his life into apostasy and into damnation.
3. Evidently Jesus envisioned that some of those having such gifts would seek their own wills rather than the will of God.
- a. Those who did this would be lost.
  - b. All who fail to do the will of God will be lost.
  - c. **We must love God with all our heart and pursue His will with all our heart.**

**The rabbis said**, "Be strong as the leopard and swift as the eagle, and fleet as the gazelle, and brave as the lion to do the will of thy father which is in heaven. (Aboth 5:20).

### **Are We Talking About Perfection?**

1. No, the word of God reveals that none of us can keep God's will perfectly. (1 Jn. 1:8, 10).
2. It teaches we must pray that God's will be done in our lives. (Matt. 6:10).
3. It teaches we must confess our wrongs to God. (Matt. 6:12; 1 Jn. 1:9, 2:1, 2).

### **Closing Thoughts**

1. We should carefully read the word of God to make sure we are doing His will - not our own.
2. Each day we should pray that God's will be done in our lives.
3. We should humbly obey God, and confess our sins to Him.
4. Miracles workers do not exist today, but if they did we should not listen to them unless they are speaking the word of God. (Gal. 1:8, 9).

GAL 1:18 Then three years later I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Cephas, and stayed with him fifteen days.

GAL 1:19 But I did not see any other of the apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

5. The Lord is the judge in that last day. (Matt. 25:31-46; Acts 17:30, 31; 2 Cor. 5:10).
  - a. He knows those who are His. (2 Tim. 2:19).

2TI 2:19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord abstain from wickedness."

- b. They are the ones who have obeyed Him. (Heb. 5:9).

HEB 5:9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,

