

*"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."*¹

The photograph on the cover is of a narrow brick alleyway in Toledo, a World Heritage Site in Central Spain. Motorists might find it rather difficult to perform a three-point turn on this street!

Jesus said the way to heaven is narrow too. Why is that?

It is narrow since there is only one entrance. Jesus is the only way to God. He said *"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*²

We have all sinned, and sin bars our entrance to heaven. But Jesus Christ died on a cross so that our sins might be forgiven. He was buried and rose again three days later that He might save us from our sin.

*"He is able to save to the uttermost all who come to God through Him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."*³

Today, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life to all who put their trust in Him

It is narrow since only one can enter at a time. No one else can receive this gift of God for you. Only you can accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour. And you may do so today, for *"Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*⁴

It is narrow since it is difficult.

It is not easy being a Christian. Believing in God is out of fashion. Jesus said those who followed Him would be persecuted as He was. He told us to count the cost carefully before deciding to follow Him. "Take up your cross and follow me," is still His invitation to you. The way may be difficult, but it is the way that He took before us, and He will walk with us every step of our lives. He promises, *"I will never leave you, nor forsake you."*⁵

It is narrow since it is open for only a short time.

This offer is for a limited period only. God has given this world 2,000 years to receive the gospel of His Son, repent of its sin, and accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. But God cannot keep His offer open forever. One day He must act to punish sin and remove evil from the world. He will do this when Christ comes again as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. At that time all who have not accepted Jesus as their Saviour will be punished with everlasting destruction. According to the Bible, Christ could come at any moment. Will you be ready?

God loves you and wants to forgive and save you. He wants you to walk on "the narrow way".

Scripture references: ¹Matt. 7:13-14; ²John 14:6; ³Heb. 7:25; ⁴Rom. 10:13; ⁵Heb. 13:4. New King James Version.

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