

Enter through the narrow gate

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Mat 7,6-7.12-14

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I have read only a verse of the Gospel proposed by the liturgy of the Mass from the "Sermon on the mount".

It is an important verse to me, because it talks about a **possibility**: the one to **enter in a true and meaningful life, that Jesus qualifies as LIFE in the absolute sense**.

It is clear that if God states: "Enter through the narrow gate" to receive the life, this life is to be meant absolutely as the essence, the fullest and the most beautiful sense of our existence.

There are several kinds of living, there are many possible lives and there is a **life** and that is just the way of living in the truth of the life.

Enter through the narrow gate: we are all living, but Jesus tells us that most of us do not follow this kind of life, do not live this life.

On the contrary, most of us go through the wide gate and try to live in a wide road that does not lead to life, but to perdition.

One more time, we are invited by the Word of God to think on the fact that we can live our own life in different ways. Many of those are wrong, only one is fully authentic.

Only one way of living is life!

The Psalmist speaks about **two roads**: one leads to life, one leads to death.

Obviously, "Death" is not intended in a corporal sense, but it is a **psychic and spiritual death**.

It is a death, because we often live our own existence with a load of pains, cares, doubts ... and so we live with a weight on our shoulders and we go on dragging our life.

Today, the Lord wants to rescue us from all useless burdens and wants to make us live authentically.

Let us then discover this truth again: **faith is the only way to live an authentic life**.

Let us try every day to live our existence with the light of faith.

Praised be Jesus Christ.