

**Who then can be Saved?**  
**Matthew 19:25-26**  
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Thesis: Today we want to answer the question, who can be saved?

Intro:

1. The denominational world will give you various answers of who can be saved.
  - a. Those who say a prayer
  - b. Those who speak in tongues
  - c. Those who kneel at a “mourners bench”
2. But, what does the Bible say?
  - I. Must choose the right way or path
    - A. Warning about the broad way (**Mt 7:13**)
      1. There are many who choose this gate. However we are also told why.
        - A. Because it is easy, easy isn't always right.
      2. We also see where it leads. The O.T. Has a similar warning.
        - B. Pro 14:12
    - B. The destination of the narrow way (**Mt 7:14**)
      1. The path to eternal life is not crowded, in fact few are on it.
        - A. It is described as a difficult path but, it leads to life.
      2. Some will desire to enter but will be unable (**Lk 13:24**)
  - II. Acceptance by God
    - A. The unworthy (**Mt 22:1-8**)
      1. Some made light of the invitation (v.5), they ignored it
      2. Others responded with violence and hatred (v.6)
      3. Their response made them unworthy (v.8)
    - B. Those who were worthy (**Mt 22:9-14**)
      1. Others were invited and accepted the invitation and were worthy (v.9-10)
      2. We learn one tried to enter his own way (Pro 14:12), but was cast out (v.11-14)
      3. Only the obedient are worthy, only the worthy walk in White with Christ (**Rev 3:4-5**)
  - III. Who then can be saved?
    - A. For some it will be difficult (**Mt 19:23-24**)
      1. Christ uses the illustration of a rich person trying to get into heaven while carrying their things with them. The materialistic are the ones who will have a difficult time, being wealthy does not make it difficult. Remember 1 Timothy 6:10a; “Love of money”.
      2. A wise man will let nothing prevent him from entrance into heaven.
    - B. Only possible with God (**Mt 19:25-26**)
      1. The disciples were amazed at what Christ was saying, they no doubt was fearful concerning who could saved.
      2. No man can offer salvation to someone, only Christ has the power to save.
        - a. The power is in the gospel (**Rom 1:16**).

b. God can change a man so that nothing is placed between him and God.

Conc:

1. The Bible is clear concerning salvation.
2. Only when we give hear to man-made doctrines and traditions do things become complicated.
3. Instead, let's keep it simple and just do what God has actually commanded.

### **Hear**

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

### **Believe**

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

### **Repent**

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

### **Confess**

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

### **Be baptized**

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

### **Remain Faithful**

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.