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He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. 23 And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?"
An Interesting Question

• “Are there few saved?”
• Jesus essentially answers yes…
• But why?
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Luke 13:24-25 ESV

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Ecclesiastes 12:1 ESV

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them";
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