

This week, on the fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear another colorful analogy of Jesus as he describes for the faithful another aspect of our relationship with God. We have all heard that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter heaven.

Today we hear Jesus telling us that he is the sheep gate. Jesus has a great way of catching our attention and forcing us to continue to pay attention. Obviously Jesus is not literally a gate, but what he is telling us is that he is the way and to follow him results in everlasting life.

In our first reading from the Book of Acts, Peter is doing just that. He is showing all of the people at the Temple the error of their ways. He tells them that they killed Jesus, but because he is as the Son of God, also divine, he was raised from the dead. He reminds them of the same thing Jesus told us in the Gospel reading...Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. It is only through Jesus that we will attain salvation. The message speaks for itself. It is Jesus who touches the hearts. We are only the mouthpiece, as Peter was on that day at the Temple.

The result is the same for us as it was for Peter that day. He converted the hearts of over 3000 people through the words of Jesus. We too can convert hearts, through our words and through living a Christian life. Be an example of Jesus' love. People will see and want the same joy that we have! Go out this week and live the life for everyone to see.