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Suddenly, dead ahead, stood a man waving a light. As he urgently held up his hand, the caravan came to a reluctant stop.

The man with the light approached the travelers, warning them that the road ahead ended at the edge of an active volcano. Those who continued to that point would never escape its fierce and fuming flames. He then recommended a restrictive gate, several miles back, through which they could enter a narrow road, leading to safety. He said that, though most people were unable to find that narrow road, it was their only hope.

Most of the travelers mocked the man with the light. They said that his fear-mongering words made them very uncomfortable. Unless he would accompany them and use more positive, less frightening language, they refused to listen. They also ridiculed his efforts urging travelers to waste time looking for such a narrow road in the darkness.

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(Matthew 7:13-14)

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