

FINAL WORDS

SAYINGS FROM THE CROSS

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"TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE"

Luke 23:39-43

NOTES:

REVIEW: *"Father Forgive Them, They Know Not What They Do" - Luke 23:34*

FOCUS VERSE: *Luke 23:39-43*

Luke 23:39 *One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"* **40** *But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"* **41** *And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."* **42** *And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."* **43** *And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."*

1. We all must recognize Our _____ and Jesus's _____ (vv. 40-41)

1. We must recognize Our Guilt

Luke 23:40 *But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"* **41a** *And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds;...*

Romans 3:23 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*

1 John 1:8 *If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.*

Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

2. We must recognize Jesus's Innocence

Luke 23:41b *...but this man has done nothing wrong."*

Hebrews 4:15 *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

2. We all must recognize Jesus as _____ (v. 42)

Luke 23:42 *And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."*

John 14:6 *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

John 4:14 *But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.*

3. We are all invited to be _____ in Paradise (v. 43)

Luke 23:43 *And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."*

Review/Discuss/Apply:

1) Compare the two different responses of the two thieves on the cross. Which thief are you? If you have not trusted Jesus as the source of life, let today be the day!

2) If you have trusted Jesus, there is - without question - someone in your life who is still waiting for their eternal rescue. How do you plan to help them see that this rescue lies in Jesus? Consider inviting them to Easter this year!

SONGS

PRAISE

WHO YOU SAY I AM

THE CROSS HAS THE FINAL WORD

ALL HAIL KING JESUS

BUDGET

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2025 Giving vs Need: \$70,156.81 Below Need

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